

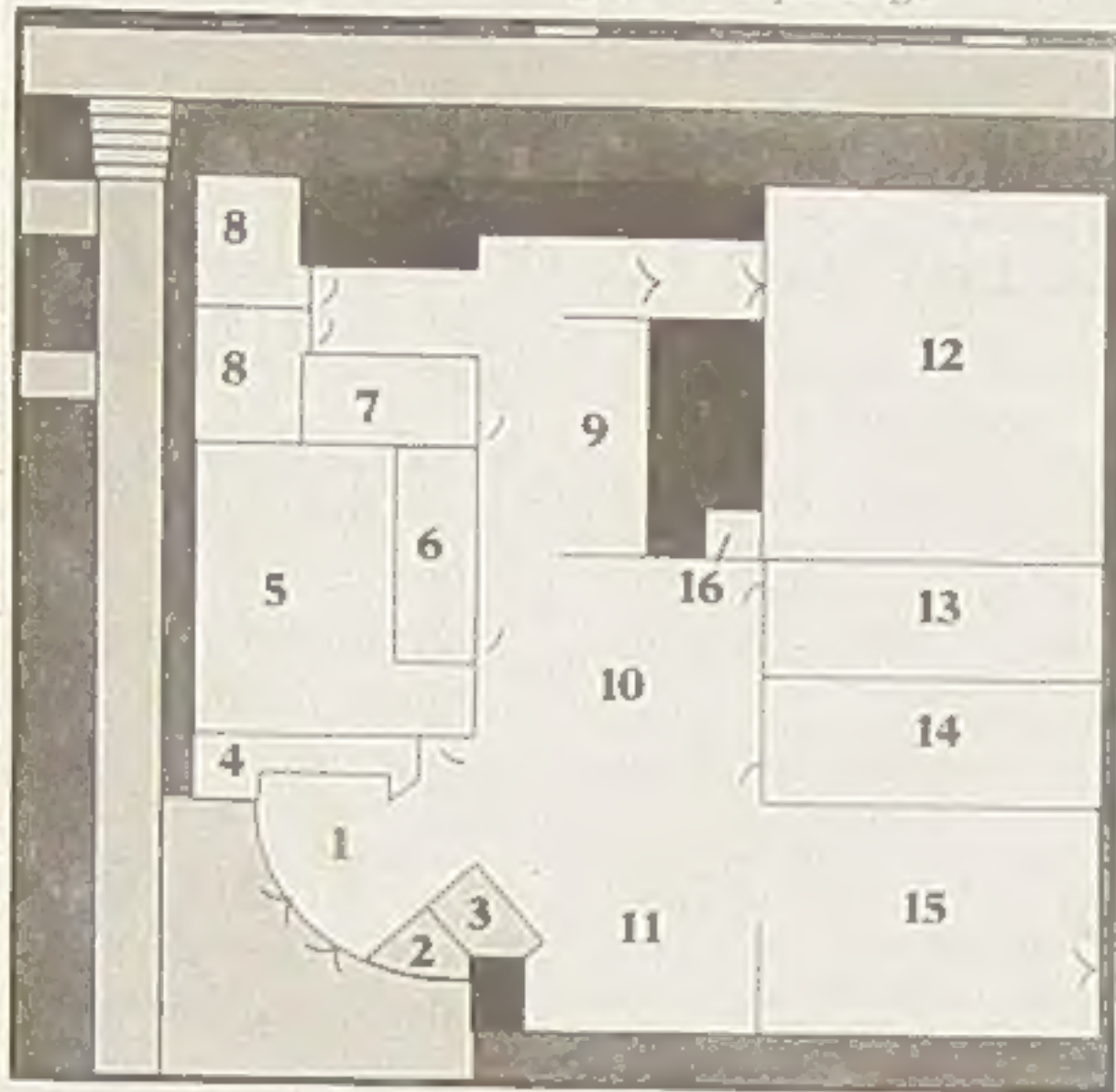


NEW FACILITY

# Student Life Center may open doors Friday

## Student Life Center

■ An overview of Missouri Southern's new Student Life Center, which should open this weekend. Some parts of the building will not immediately be complete.  
(Black shaded areas are storage rooms or pending.)



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RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Gipson: I think it is one of the best things we've done

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After sitting empty for nearly a year, the Student Life Center is on the verge of opening to Missouri Southern's student body.

The center will feature many luxuries never before offered to Southern students, such as an aerobics studio, strengthening weight equipment, and a large-scale laundry room. Those amenities complement the new television room, video game room, and mailroom included in the building.

Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, said some parts of the center will be open Friday. Gipson's new office is being completed in the center as well.

"I think it's one of the best things we've done," she said of the center. "It will be a hub of activity."

The project sat dormant while Southern's physical plant mustered the forces necessary to complete the job after College officials realized funds in the coffers weren't large enough to contract the project out.

The College had \$1.4 million to do the job, but the lowest bid was \$1.8 million.

The physical plant stepped in and finished the job, saving the

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College an estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000.

"We stepped up to the plate," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

"The physical plant has given a big gift to the students," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

Concerns arose whether the project would ever get finished at all, but Beeler said the physical plant has kept to its timeline.

"The project has taken longer because we've had to do it with our other duties," he said.

The original completion date of the center was Aug. 29, but it has been pushed back to Sept. 8.

Ken Moser, carpentry supervisor, said the physical plant should have finished as much as it can by that date. The center will likely still be waiting on some equipment, but

Tiede believes the facility will be

fully operational by the end of September.

"We took this over as a shell," Moser said. "It's pretty remarkable, actually."

Moser said much work still has to be done, but he's sure the crews will be done by then.

"We would've liked to have finished by now," Beeler said.

"I think we'll have a hustle, but we'll make it," he said. "This is a huge undertaking for a crew of three."

Moser's carpentry crew is three, and combined with the six mechanical staff members from the physical plant, only nine workers have been putting the innards of the center together.

Groundskeepers at Southern have also been called in for extra duty. With a small staff and the fact that they've been pulling double duty, Beeler and Moser are both pleased with the progress of the building.

"I think about everything we wished for is here," Gipson said.

One thing that isn't there right now is the cafeteria. Originally, another floor was proposed to be atop the center, but as yet, it's still in the early stages. Workers have made preparations for the second floor, though. A stairwell and elevator shaft have already been constructed on the first floor. "One of these days we'll have a cafeteria on top, but right now..." Gipson said.

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CAMPUS CRIME

## Students arrested after altercation

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Joplin police arrested two Missouri Southern students after an altercation involving two guns and a knife in the residence hall parking lot Tuesday night.

Another student, Marquie Owens, sophomore accounting major, was injured by the knife in the altercation. Owens, 19, suffered a slash on his left forearm, according to a campus security report.

Gary Fearon, 26, a senior management major, is being held on \$3,500 bond at the Joplin city jail and is awaiting transfer to Jasper County Jail. Carnell Matthews, 20, a freshman secondary education major, is being held in the Jasper County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.

Both Fearon and Matthews are charged with the felony unlawful use of a weapon. Fearon has an additional charge of felony assault because of Owens' wound.

Police recovered a knife and handgun from Fearon's car and a shotgun was found along the curb in front of Headlee Hall. Police allege the shotgun belonged to Matthews. Officers found an empty shotgun case in the trunk of Matthews' car.

Owens was treated at the hospital for the wound and released, according to the report. The injury was minor and required no stitches, according to sources close to Owens.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said he couldn't remember an incident like this occurring on campus in the 18 years he's been at Southern.

"We hope it's an isolated incident," Carnahan said. "I've never seen anything like this happen."

Conflicting stories have surfaced over the cause of the confrontation, but the campus security report states Fearon

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Matthews



Owens

STUDENT FEATURE

Two Missouri Southern senior interns and environmental health majors, Richard Biesterveld (left) and Megan Rice, worked with the Dekalb County Board of Health to maintain health and safety standards during the 1996 Olympics.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart



## Interns keep Atlanta Games clean

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two Missouri Southern seniors spent a majority of the summer in Atlanta serving as sanitation interns during the Olympics.

Megan Rice and Richard Biesterveld, environmental health majors, represented Southern's environmental health program in an effort to help the Dekalb County Board of Health maintain health and safety standards during the Olympics.

"What they did was take the place of the regular sanitarians who went to work at the Olympics," said Dr. Wayne Adams, coordinator of environmental health technology at Southern. "They needed fill-ins for the counter duties left behind."

Adams said the interns were two of 11 chosen to go to Atlanta.

"The National Environmental Health Association sent out letters to the colleges that are members," he said. "I

felt pretty good about it because we had two out of 11 total."

Rice and Biesterveld were trained for the positions before the regular sanitarians left, and from then on they were on their own.

Rice worked in technical service as an intern. "I did pool inspections, radon testing, and food inspections for the Feed-A-Kid program, a government-subsidized program for lower-income families," she said.

Biesterveld said he took a different turn in the residential services.

"I saw parts of Atlanta no one else wants to," he said. "I did rodent control in the ghetto, handled mosquito complaints, dog complaints, rabies home quarantines, radon inspections, and food inspections for the Feed-A-Kid program."

The interns were paid for their work, but were responsible

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Grants jolt Southern's departments

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

Technological advancement at Missouri Southern just got a jolt from nearly \$340,000 in recently approved grants.

The largest grant, \$140,000, came from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The money will help develop two-way interactive television links between Southern and the Carthage, Lamar, Carl Junction, and Monett school districts. The network is slated to begin in the fall of 1997.

The network will enable high school students to receive more foreign language courses, which ties in with Southern's international mission. The telecasts will be live and interactive. Dual course credit from the College will be available through the greater variety of classes the network offers.

"From my perspective, this is a very exciting development in southwest Missouri," said Dr. Erik



Bitterbaum

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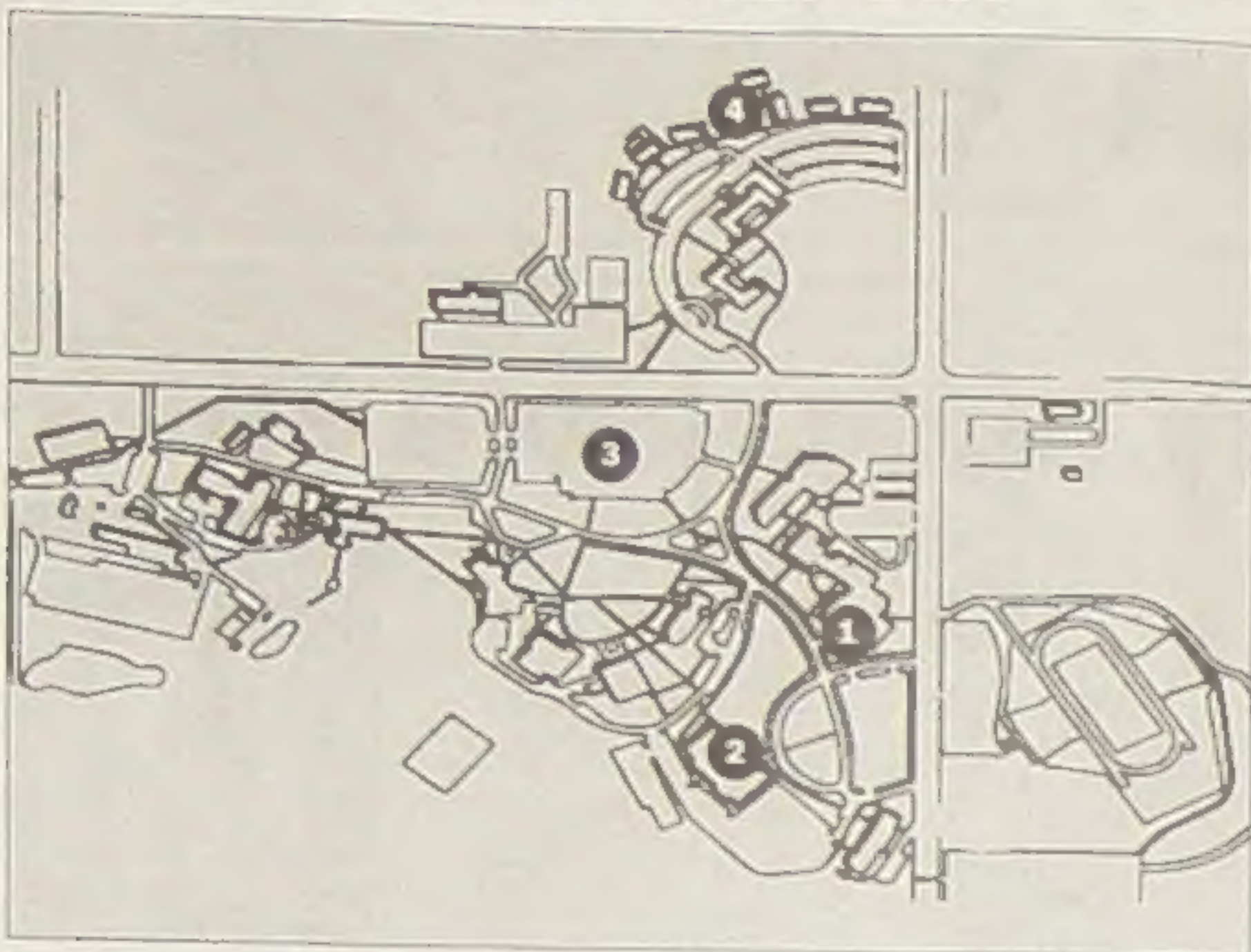


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## SECURITY REPORT



- 1 08/19/96 TAYLOR AUDITORIUM 6-50 p.m. Jonathan Sullivan, freshman undecided major, was driving west on the drive from Duquesne Road. Gabriel Gray, freshman graphic arts major, was driving southbound on the College's main drive. Both vehicles entered the intersection at the entrance to the parking lot by the gymnasium. Sullivan failed to yield, striking Gray's vehicle.
- 2 8/21/96 YOUNG GYMNASIUM Noon Mike Vaughn, junior undecided major, reported his Motorola Cellular Telephone stolen from his bookbag outside the football film room in Young Gymnasium. No one at the scene reported seeing anyone in the vicinity of the bag. The phone is valued at \$45.
- 3 8/27/96 MAIN LOT 2-15 p.m. Rebecca Conn, junior biology major, reported her car had been hit in the front end. Conn's car is a gray 1995 Dodge Avenger. The car's front bumper was knocked loose and a point in the right corner of the panel was broken. The person who caused the damage left the scene without leaving information. No witnesses were present at the incident.
- 4 8/27/96 MAUPIN HALL 4:30 p.m. Campus security was notified of a female student residing in Maupin Hall Apt. F2 who was apparently hyperventilating. A security officer responded to find the student had been taken to an undisclosed area hospital.

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for providing their own housing for the eight-week period. Rice stayed with friends, and Biesterveld lived with relatives. They both regarded their internship as a good learning experience.

"We got to meet a lot of people of different backgrounds and saw different

Olympic athletes on the street," Rice said.

Biesterveld said he enjoyed his time with the people he worked with.

"They were super nice people and would do anything to help you," he said. "It was an adventure."

Biesterveld said 25 people occupied the 3,800 square-foot, three-bathroom house where he resided. The interns

did not attend any of the Olympic events because of ticket availability.

"We did go the day they reopened the park after the bombing, and it was packed," he said. "The security was extremely tight."

Both Rice and Biesterveld said they believed the internship was well worth it and would recommend it to anyone. □

## COLLEGE PERSONNEL

# Faculty take medical leave

By RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Two Missouri Southern faculty members are taking leaves of absence due to health problems suffered in recent weeks.

Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department, is recovering from sextuple bypass surgery over the weekend. Despite the severity of Wolf's illness, Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said the outlook is promising.

"He is doing very well after having that type of surgery," Spurlin said. "If I were him, I think I would still be whimpering in my bed right now. His attitude is extremely positive and he said he has appreciated the cards and comments he has

received from the students and faculty."

Spurlin said Wolf, 40, has been relieved of his duties as department head until he recovers in full. But Spurlin said Wolf could return to his post in a minimum of eight weeks if his health allows. Bob Terry, assistant professor of law enforcement, has assumed department head duties during Wolf's recovery.

"When he (Wolf) returns he will take over a light duty load," Spurlin said. "These duties will mainly deal with administrative work. But his



Johnson

classes have been taken care of for the fall semester."

Spurlin said Wolf should teach again next semester.

Bernie Johnson, associate professor of business and a Southern faculty member since 1974, suffered congestive heart failure this summer, according to Jim Gray, dean of the school of business.

Gray said he expects Johnson, a key figure in the department's internship program, to return to his teaching duties late this semester or at the beginning of the spring semester.

"The loss is tremendous, but our faculty has a history of taking of care of our own," Gray said. "Our faculty has done a great job to do what is necessary to help in this situation." □

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

# Cade takes charge as new assistant

Former coach returns to Southern, hopes to increase diversity

By E. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

An old face has returned to Missouri Southern. Former football coach Al Cade is back, and this time he won't be wearing a whistle.

Cade, who worked at the College from 1984-93, was named assistant to the dean of education over the summer.

"The decision to come back to Southern was not difficult at all, because of the experiences I had here before with other faculty and students," Cade said. "The tough decision was not being on the football field. I will still be involved with students. I will be able to maintain the same type of involvement."

He said student-teacher relationships are important to the success of education.

"The teachers here are greatly involved with their students," Cade said. "Sometimes the students

aren't aware of it, or if they are, then they are a little apprehensive about approaching them."

"There is nothing more pleasing than seeing a student who comes onto campus quiet and apprehensive, grow and learn, and then in a few years graduate."

Cade said his travels and coaching experience will help him in his relationship with students.

"I think I'm a good listener," he said. "I feel like I have had a number of various experiences, and that has helped to diversify me as a person. There is not a lot that students go through that I haven't been through myself."

Cade's position will involve both teaching and administrative duties.

"There are two major areas in which Mr. Cade will help us," said Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of education. "The No. 1 thing will be teaching. Everybody contributes to the teaching. That is a hallmark of Missouri Southern."

"The second area will include his administrative responsibilities," Horvath said. "We are trying to diversify some of our thinking on campus. Cade's experiences will help us with diversification."

*"Diversity is a strength. You have to be diversified to be able to continue growing."*

Al Cade  
Assistant to the  
dean of education

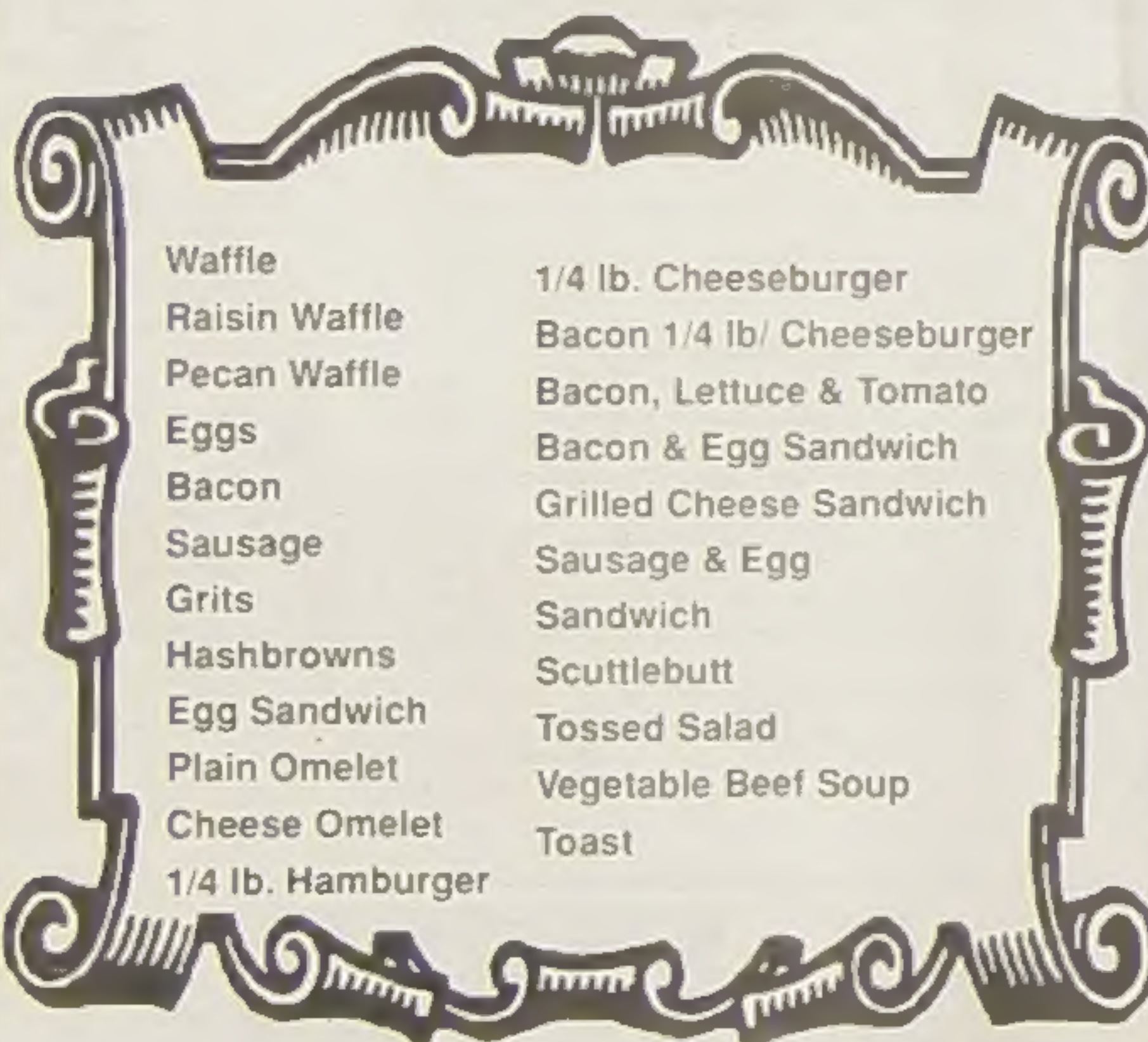
Diverse experiences and perspectives will be key elements in classes taught in the school of education.

"Diversity is a strength," Cade said. "If you can imagine one culture with the same backgrounds, same religions, same eating habits, etc., how much is that culture growing? You have to be diversified to be able to continue growing. If you are not, you will probably be left behind."

Cade and Horvath are team teaching a Critical Issues in Education course this semester. □

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NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

# Student Services revamps after retirement

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Due to the decision not to replace Dr. Glenn Dolence, former vice president for student services, some of Missouri Southern's faculty members will be reporting to a different supervisor.

Dolence retired over the summer, and rather than searching for a replacement, Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the responsibilities would be divided between himself and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

"I am in charge of admissions, career services, and counseling," Bitterbaum said. "I am delighted because they actually complement academic affairs."

He said he is confident about the decision to alter the reporting structure.

"I think everyone is pleased because new



Carnahan



Gipson

opportunities will come from this relationship, and we have such fine people in those offices. It is an honor to have them work with me."

Tiede, who will be shouldering financial aid, student services, and the athletic department, also supports the alterations.

"We are pretty pleased with the way it worked out," he said. "It seemed like a logical type of division."

Tiede said the new system should produce "a more streamlined, efficient reporting structure and the students won't see a difference."

Other divisions among the working environment at Southern were made at the same time, according to Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

"I am now responsible for residence life, student activities and organizations, Billingsly Student Center, food service, the health center, student government, and the campus judicial system," he said.

Carnahan said he is also pleased with the changes and doesn't think any department will have to be sacrificed for another.

"It is too early to tell yet, but I am excited about the year, and I'm pleased with the staff we have."

Deb Gipson, former residence hall director, is now the coordinator of student housing.

Gipson, after nine years of residence hall life, decided she was ready for a change. Now she is in charge of housing, which was Carnahan's previous responsibility, and the Student Life Center, which is not yet completed.

"The great thing about my new job is I can go home at 5 instead of living at work," she said. "I lived on campus for nine years, and I just felt like it was time for me to move on."

Gipson said the shift in responsibilities was workable for all parties involved.

"It just seemed logical that the housing and the Student Life Center should go together," she said.

Tiede said the movement was a smooth transition that should prove profitable.

"We haven't lost personnel," he said. "We just changed the reporting structure a little bit to achieve cost efficiency. It's a win-win situation." □

SPECIAL SEMINAR

## Mamet's play inspires forum

By SCOTT FRANCIS  
STAFF WRITER

An unusual topic, an unusual number of students participating, and an unusually high degree of audience participation combined to make Tuesday's panel discussion on sexual harassment... unusual.

The forum was a discussion of Mamet's play *Oleanna*, presented last week by Southern Theatre, and of the issues and concerns that it raised. Chief among those issues was the sensitive subject of sexual harassment, specifically as it relates to higher education.

The three faculty members who comprised the panel all had previous experience in dealing with sexual harassment issues. Both Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling, and Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, spent time instructing U.S. Navy personnel about the Navy's new sexual harassment policy following the widely publicized Tailhook scandal. The final panel member, Dr. Gwen Murdock, associate professor of psychology, has led several discussions and conducted numerous surveys regarding sexual harassment. While the meeting was technically a panel discussion, the panel members made it clear they intended to involve everyone. However, the actual audience response surprised some faculty members who were used to minimal student participation.

"One very unusual feature of this discussion was the faculty-to-student ratio in the audience," said Dr. William Kumbier, associate professor of English. "Generally, that ratio is stacked heavily in the direction of the faculty. Both the number of students attending and their participation level were out of the ordinary."

While the discussion did generate some conflicting opinions, there were a few things audience and panel members alike all seemed to agree on. What many considered most important is the fact that many sexual harassment conflicts could be avoided through better communication and plain common sense. Several audience members, including Mark Sweet, a senior English major who played the part of the professor in *Oleanna*, observed that the character was sadly lacking in the latter category.

Another point that was met with a general consensus is that sexual harassment varies in definition from person to person, from time to time, and even from culture to culture. One audience member observed that she was from Texas, and that Texans in general were friendly with everyone.

"I might go up to someone I hadn't seen since last semester and hug them, and that wouldn't bother me because that's what I'm used to," she said. "But up here, people stay at arm's length, and in Washington, D.C., you stay as far away from people as you can."

Claussen and several other individuals observed that what was considered normal and even friendly behavior 10 or 15 years ago would clearly be viewed as sexual harassment today.

"The whole issue of sexual harassment is difficult to deal with because of different points of view, cultures, and backgrounds," said Liliana Valencia, senior secondary education major. "There's no real way of knowing whether something you do or don't do may be viewed as sexual harassment by someone else."

"Communication is a big thing to avoid misunderstanding. I think a lot has been accomplished, not just with today's forum, but also with the play. It helped me see how necessary communication and seeing other points of view are to avoid these problems."

While agreements and consensus were reached, those attending the discussion concluded that any lasting solutions to the problem of sexual harassment may have to wait on a change in society at large. □

CLASS OF 2000

“This is a good-sized school and a great place to begin.”



Freshman communication major Jennifer Rhea, left, helps Andre Smith, sophomore communication major, and Idalie Janssen, senior graphic arts major, build pages for "Crossroads: The Magazine" on the third floor of Webster Hall Tuesday.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

## Freshmen adjust to new school, lifestyle

By DEBORAH SOLOMON  
MANAGING EDITOR

For most, the beginning of a new school year means getting books, going to class, and balancing a job. But for Missouri Southern's class of 2000, it also means freedom, apprehension, and a new way of life.

Most freshmen find the change to college life a big step.

For Michelle Hansen, biology major, it was a giant step. Hansen, from Rollingbrook, Ill., decided the move to Southern would be beneficial because she could save some money and live out on her own.

"It was a scary move for me because I didn't know anybody," she said. "I miss my family and friends a lot, but this is a chance to meet new people and try new things."

For Rodney McClure, an undecided major from St. Louis, the move wasn't quite so dramatic but still was an important one.

"I came to play football," said McClure, a Lion quarterback. "There were other colleges interested in me, but I liked Southern."

"The atmosphere is great here, and everyone is willing to help you."

Jennifer Rhea, communications major, chose Southern as a starting point for her collegiate career. Even though she is not living on campus, her experience as a freshman started out well.

"This is a good-sized school and a great place to begin," she said. "I haven't needed any help yet, but I know it is there when I do."

Meeting new people is probably the most important aspect

of being a college freshman.

"I'm really excited about the year," Rhea said. "I enjoy seeing all of the new faces and knowing that is just one more person I'm going to meet."

But many freshmen are not coming into their college years blind.

"I have known my roommate for three years, so that has made everything easier on me," McClure said. "Being with the upperclassmen on the football team has also helped. They have taken me under their wings and are showing me the ropes to college life."

Another way for most to make new friends is by joining extracurricular activities.

"I joined the Campus Activities Board," Hansen said. "I think it is important to get involved in extracurricular activities; otherwise you will just be sitting in your room

doing nothing."

With many clubs and activities on campus, there is something for just about everybody.

For Rhea, getting involved with departmental activities helps her not only meet people, but also learn more about her chosen field.

"I've joined the *Crossroads* staff, as well as being involved in MSTV," she said. "This allows me to meet people in my department with my interests."

Classes were a concern for most freshmen, whether it is getting into the ones they need, finding ones to fit their schedule, or just finding their way around campus.

"This is so different than high school," Rhea said. "The classes are more open for discussion."

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

## Regents approve Justice Center contract

Joplin contractor receives go-ahead for new addition

By RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Construction on a \$5 million addition to the Anderson Justice Center could start as early as next week, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

The College's Board of Regents approved a bill of \$4,555,900 from the R.E. Smith Construction Co., Joplin, at an Aug. 16 meeting.

The addition will be three times the existing building's size.

According to Tiede, construction could be completed as early as next fall, assuming there are few weather delays. Otherwise, he said the project should be completed no later than January 1998.

Because more than 500 students are declared criminal justice majors at Southern, Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said facilities at the present facility have not been sufficient for many years. The

criminal justice department is the largest department in terms of enrollment at Southern.

"We are excited because we have been out of space for quite some time," Spurlin said. "We have classes being taught in other buildings because we are out of space. We are eagerly anticipating the first shovel of dirt as much as we are anticipating the last."

The main addition, which will house new classrooms and offices, consists of two stories in conjunction with the existing building.

Another major piece of the construction plans is a 300-seat auditorium, which could be used for large lecture courses or guest speakers and seminars.

The auditorium will be similar to the Matthews Hall auditorium.

The third addition will be a recreation facility, which will be used for hand-to-hand combat training and exercises.

Also, a basement addition will allow police cars and ambulances to be able to enter the building for demonstrations.

The expansion will also provide a new remodeled forensics lab, a new photo lab, and a modern firing range. □

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Dr. Jack Spurlin  
Dean, school of technology

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## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Aerobics studio allows many chance at fitness

One of the new perks of the Missouri Southern Student Life Center is the aerobics studio.

Deb Gipson, student housing coordinator, said many requests concerning the availability of the studio have been made.

Certainly, she said, organized and scheduled classes will take place in the new facility, but a VCR and television are going to be available to students who want to do their own workouts.

Gipson said a noontime class may move its quarters into the new studio. Also, the cheerleading squad has asked to use the room for a practice facility.

For students who want to work on strength as well as the cardiovascular system, Southern has invested in weight machines that will also be available in the new center.

Exercise bikes and other non-strength building equipment is already in place. Gipson said the weight equipment is on the way. □

Southern intramurals offer golf, tennis, 5K run

Missouri Southern has just the thing for the student weekend warrior.

Intramural activities this fall include a five kilometer "Fun Run", tennis tournament, golf league, softball tournament, and flag football league.

The 5K run will be at 8:50 a.m. Saturday.

Deadline to enter the tennis tournament is Friday. A \$5 no-forefeit fee is due when signing up at the racquetball office in Young Gymnasium.

There are five divisions of the tournament for singles and doubles action. A mandatory meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 3.

Another Friday deadline is for the golf league. The league will be nine holes on Wednesday afternoons at Schifferdecker Golf Course. Sign ups are at the racquetball office in Young Gymnasium. A \$5 no-forefeit fee is also due for the golf league.

A Sept. 11 deadline has been set for the coed softball tournament. The tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 15.

A \$10 no-forefeit fee is due at sign up in the racquetball office in Young Gymnasium. A mandatory meeting has been called for Sept. 11.

One of the most popular intramural activities is flag football. There are men's and women's divisions. Sign up deadline is Sept. 13 in the Young Gymnasium racquetball office.

A \$10 no-forefeit fee is also due for the football league. A mandatory meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 16. □

Film festival presents 9 star-filled foreign flicks

Nine foreign movies will be shown as part of Missouri Southern's 35th season of the International Film Festival.

The festival touts such famous performers and filmmakers as Sophia Loren, Bessie Smith, Alec Guinness, Rainer Fassbender, Vittorio deSica, and Kenji Mizoguchi.

The Missouri Southern Film Society puts on the program every year, with financial assistance from the Missouri Arts Council.

Season tickets are available to all. Packages run from \$8 for adults to \$6 for senior citizens and students. The festival starts Sept. 17 with the docu-drama *The Quiet One*. The film, along with Smith's short film *St. Louis Blues*, leads into the Oct. 1 showing of the German film *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*.

The final show is April 8 with a screening of the Russian film *Village Teacher*.

A Japanese epic set in the 13th century is one of the high points of the series and will be shown March 11. □



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

### Students' hunger grows for new Center

What began in October 1994 as just mounds of soil lumped along the outer stretches of the residence halls will finally become a reality this weekend.

The new, and past-due Student Life Center, which originally was to open in the fall of 1995 and missed its second deadline of Aug. 19, 1996, is scheduled to open its doors to the students Friday or Saturday, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president.

So what has taken the Student Center so long to become reality?

Could it be the fact the College couldn't afford the original contractors, who began the project, putting the

partially erected Center in the grasp of Bob Beeler and his physical plant crew?

Could it be the fact the College maintenance staff is undermanned and overworked? And because the physical plant opted to shift its spotlight upon the Center, many other projects and repairs concerning the residence halls, faculty offices, and minor improvements were shoved on the back burner until the new main dish could be served.

But since the main course seems to be burning in the oven, the students are sitting knife and fork in hand, hungry for what has been promised to them.

The blame does not lie with the overhauled maintenance crew, nor does it fall in the hands of the College administration.

The College did the best it could with the money that was put on the table for the project.

Southern was funded \$1.4 million to construct the Student Center in 1994, but the lowest bid offered was \$1.8 million, according to College President Julio Leon.

This left the College with only two reasonable solutions — either throw the project in the trash or find a way for the College physical plant to finish the project after the funds were depleted.

Sure, this was not what the College had intended for the project in its early stages, but in order to give residence hall students a place where they could enjoy some beneficial extra-curricular activities, it was the College's only choice in the matter.

And even though the College knew putting all three of its contractors on one project could cause many other setbacks in other buildings, it decided that the Center is what the students needed most.

The construction of four faculty offices, which were supposed to have been completed before Aug. 19, have not even seen the first phases of construction.

And improvements and minor-detail work in the residence halls have been pushed aside with little or no attention.

Leon said because of the lack of funds to finish the project he was forced to work with what was given to him.

"Remember, that we had to have \$1.8 million and all we had was \$1.4 million," he said. "That is why we had to finish it with our own personnel."

This meant for the past six or eight weeks many other projects have had to wait. When the Center is finished it should be an excellent facility."

Even though the Center is two years past due, the students should realize what a blessing this new facility will be for residence hall life and Southern. □



**Rick Rogers**  
Editor-in-Chief



## OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

### Congrats, maintenance crew

Only one word can truly sum up how many across campus feel about the pending completion of Missouri Southern's Student Life Center. Finally!

Often regarded as an on-again, off-again project, the Student Life Center is now expecting students to partake in its splendor as early as Friday.

The maintenance crew has pledged Sept. 6 as their finish date, which means only equipment placement is slowing the finale. By the end of September, however, the Student Life Center should be fully operational. Campus-dwelling pupils will then have a place to work out, do laundry, play video and non-video games, as well as watch television en masse.

The College's physical plant is largely responsible for the look of the new building, having taken over the project when funding wasn't available to contract out. The amount of work the crews have put into the project is probably unparalleled in College history. Students owe the physical plant a large debt of gratitude.

For once, the College put students' needs at the forefront and allowed the physical plant to put everything on hold in order to complete the project. That meant some disgruntled

faculty and department heads, but so be it. Patience is a virtue that serves everyone at Missouri Southern quite well.

At a cost of roughly \$1.4 million, students now have a palatial spread they can call their own. No more trouncing through knee-high snowdrifts to get to an exercise bike or pinball machine. No more tramping off campus to avoid the dilapidated laundry equipment that never seemed to work just right.

One lesson can be learned from this experience, though. That lesson has taught the College the necessity of being thoroughly financed before starting a major project like this.

It was not only unfair to students to promise this and not deliver for two years, but it was just as unfair to expect the physical plant to be able to pull off this major undertaking with such a small staff as well as keep up with their regular chores.

At a college where incomplete projects have become commonplace, the Student Life Center is apparently no different. A second floor to the Student Life Center is in the works. Although no start date has been disclosed, students can only hope the College has learned its lesson from the first floor fiasco. □

## YOUR LETTERS

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## IN PERSPECTIVE

### Changes engulf life at Southern

I'm excited. It's the end of August and classes are off to a great start. The Student Life Center is nearing completion, we are beginning to enlarge the criminal justice facilities, and money has been set aside to update our transportation fleet.

Technology in the curriculum for students and faculty is reality. Within a year, every faculty member will have a modern computer on his or her desk and initiatives are under way to upgrade computer labs and enhance our technological capabilities.

Our new home page on the World Wide Web is a good source of information for students and anyone interested in Missouri Southern.

Faculty and administrators are working to more tightly integrate campus services. Plans to internationalize the curriculum and improve mediated course offerings are proceeding on schedule.

MIMS, TESOL, ESL, and ISEP are new acronyms for us to learn.

Last year, the office of career planning and placement changed its name to the office of career services. The school of education and psychology became the school of education, while the department of education became the department of teacher education, and the department of physical education became the department of kinesiology.

The International Trade Center and programs in environmental health, international business, and foreign language impacted this campus in positive ways.

All this activity means that Southern students will continue to graduate into careers for which they have been well prepared by the faculty. We are running harder than ever to keep current in each of the 60-plus majors we offer while still managing to be the least expensive four-year institution in Missouri. Only we at Missouri Southern State College can make that claim.

Since coming to Southern last year, I have learned that we do not rest on our laurels. Additional classroom and lab space is needed. The department of kinesiology is looking forward to a new and exciting program. Demand for living space is high. Even storage space is at a premium. Equipment must constantly be replaced. There is no such entity as a static program.

In every change that occurs, however, the singular most important concern at Southern is for student welfare. No decision is made at Southern without affirmatively addressing the question of how the change will affect students. No change will occur unless it benefits students.

In this century, humanity has gone from Kitty Hawk to the moon, from hand-cranked adding machines to microcomputers, from information memorization to information management, and from the industrial society to something that is yet to be named. More than 90 percent of all the scientists who ever lived are alive and engaged in research.

Knowledge is exploding at an ever-increasing rate in all fields. Yet in spite of all the technology, questions about how we live and work and relate to each other are more important than ever. In the history of the world, this is the most exciting time to be alive.

Life is to be lived. We are fortunate to be living in an era where opportunities are countless, lifelong learning is the expectation, and the privilege of serving our fellow citizens offers possibilities for intrinsic gratification never before available.

Let's get on with it. There is no time to waste. □



**Dr. Michael Horvath**  
Dean of Education

## THE CHART

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

# 'The Chart' wins national honors

The Chart has been named the Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the nation by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ).

The award will be presented at a luncheon at the national SPJ convention Sept. 20 in Washington, D.C. Jane Pauley will be the featured speaker.

In April, The Chart was named best in SPJ's Region 7, which consists of all colleges and universities in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska.

The 12 regional winners compete for the national award.

Other regional winners included James Madison University, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Central Michigan University, Western Kentucky University, Utah State University, and Louisiana Tech University.

"Being named best in the nation is great, but the award was for last year and we have to focus on this year," said Genie Undernehr, 1995-96 editor-in-chief.

"It may even put extra pressure on us this year with everyone pointing to our mistakes."

Rick Rogers, managing editor of The Chart last year and this year's editor-in-chief, was notified Tuesday that his 24-part series on the proposed multipurpose arena at Missouri Southern had placed in the College Media Advisers' national Business and Economic Reporting competition.

Rogers will receive either first, second, or third place at the Associated Collegiate Press convention Nov. 23 in Orlando, Fla.

John Helyar of The Wall Street Journal judged the Business and Economic Reporting competition.

## GRILLIN' FOR GOD



Jason Cravens, senior English education major, and Preston Moss, sophomore accounting major, grill burgers at a Kolonia lunch.

## GRANT: College receives funds

From Page 1A

Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs.

"In the future, it will give us opportunities not only to work with high school students but also with the people in the communities as well," he said. "They may come in their local high schools at night or weekends and work on a college degree."

Bitterbaum said the person largely responsible for the grant is his assistant, Nadine Schmidt. She worked with the superintendents from the four high schools for two weeks in a collaborative effort to find out what was needed.

"This was put together very quickly," Schmidt said, "because we had to coordinate around so many people's schedules and summer vacations."

The grant was sent in July 15, with an acceptance letter coming Aug. 8, a relatively fast turnaround. It was just one of six approved of the 11 that were competing in this category.

"Of all the grants that are applied for nationally, only 2 percent are funded," Bitterbaum said. "So it is a highly competitive process."

Bitterbaum said the four schools were chosen because they already have Federal Communications Commission licenses. Other schools like Neosho and Joplin may be next in line when they get FCC permission.

"We want to be able to do as much as we can with the local communities," he said. In other grant news, the school of technology reports a \$98,000 Perkins Grant for a Computer Numeric Control lathe. The computer aided drafting and design program also will use this grant for laser printers in an effort to update the technology in its computer science lab. The lab will upgrade with expanded hard drives, multimedia kits, and RAM (Random Access Memory) with a \$20,000 grant.

The CADD program also received a \$54,400 grant to upgrade its lab computers to Pentium multi-media systems.

The Department of Vocational Education has provided the dental hygiene program with a 100 percent matching grant in the amount of \$26,000 for a state-of-the-art dental camera.

## ARRESTED: Two Southern students face charges

From Page 1A

kicked Owens and Matthews, both residence hall residents, out of an off-campus party. Apparently Fearon, who is not a resident at Southern, showed up with two other individuals and confronted Owens and Matthews. Campus disciplinary action is pending against Fearon, Matthews, and Owens. Carnahan said weapon possession is an expelling offense, and an investigation is

under way. All three Southern students involved also have ties to athletic programs at the College. Both Matthews and Owens are football players, and Fearon was once a member of the Southern track squad.

Jon Lantz, head football coach, said the team has taken disciplinary action against Matthews.

"As far as Carnell is concerned, he is suspended from the football program because of

his actions," Lantz said. "His future at Missouri Southern is in question."

If the campus investigation finds no fault on Owens' part in the altercation, he will be allowed to maintain his role on the football team, Lantz said. Tom Rutledge, track coach, said Fearon was released from the team two years ago for missing practice.

Editor's note: Stephanie Good, associate editor, contributed to this story.

## FRESHMEN: Incoming students learn the ropes

From Page 3A

and the professors really care about what you think, and this helps you learn better."

In the residence halls, staff assistants (SAs) are available to provide help where needed.

"I became an SA because I thought it

would be a good opportunity to help other people make the best of their college experiences and to give them some pointers I didn't get as a freshman," said Lori Rains, junior elementary education major.

"I really haven't had any problems from the students I have. They seem to know

what they are doing."

"My SA is really cool," McClure said. "He demands that we follow the rules, but on the other hand he is easy to talk to."

In the campus apartments, SA contact is not as frequent, but other students help fill the gap.

## MAINTENANCE: Crew works hard

From Page 1A

Contrary to many rumors about the building, Beeler said the center was designed to hold a second floor. Tiede said Southern has recently opened bidding for the contract to build the second floor, which will cost the College in the neighborhood of \$2 million. The multiple duties maintained by the physical plant have put a strain on other areas, but Beeler said the department has kept up with important work orders, letting only minor ones slide.

Extra faculty offices have yet to be completed, but Beeler said the work on those was being contracted off campus.

Phone lines are being restored after lightning struck a transformer near Matthews Hall.

Preventive maintenance projects have been put on the back burner, Beeler said.

Americans with Disabilities Act changes are the next to be addressed by the physical plant.

Many minor "cosmetic" adjustments are waiting for priority.

One thing the physical plant had no control over was the recent repaving of the residential hall driveway.

Due to late season funding and mechanical breakdowns of the project's contractor's machinery, the road was paved on the day residence hall students arrived on campus. Students were forced to lug their belongings from the Mills Anderson Justice Center to their respective housing quarters.

Southern's Board of Regents recently paid a visit to the center. Their Aug. 16 visit was positive, according to Beeler. Beeler said nothing was rushed to put on a facade for the regents.

"We swept the floor," he said. "We tidied up the construction site a bit."

The game room and television rooms should be operational Friday, while the mailroom has been functioning since early this week.

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

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29 30 31

### Today 29

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall  
**Noon—**  
Student Missouri State Teacher's Association, Taylor Hall Room 113  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
Criminal Justice Student Association, Anderson Justice Center, Room 118  
**7 p.m.—**  
Zeta Tau Alpha, panhellenic room

### Friday 30

Intramurals tennis, volleyball and golf sign-up deadline  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Sorority Rush sign-up, stairwell of Billingsly Student Center  
**Noon—**  
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123  
**2 p.m.—**  
Computer Information Science Club meeting, Matthews Hall, Room 207

### Sunday 31

**8 p.m.—**  
Sigma meeting, basement of Stegge Hall  
**8 p.m.—**  
Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Alumni House, panhellenic room

### Monday 2

**LABOR DAY—**  
**NO CLASSES!!!**

### Tuesday 3

**7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—**  
Bagel breakfast sponsored by Panhellenic, McCormick Hall  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
Best of Social Science Department, Webster Hall, Room 223  
**12:20 p.m.—**  
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311  
**3 p.m.—**  
Mandatory intramural tennis meeting, racquetball courts  
**3:30 p.m.—**  
Mandatory intramural volleyball meeting, racquetball courts  
**4 p.m.—**  
Mandatory intramural golf meeting, racquetball courts  
**6:30 p.m.—**  
Sorority rush, Billingsly Student Center  
**7 p.m.—**  
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

### Wednesday 4

**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Baptist Student Union lunch, Baptist Student Union building  
**Noon—**  
Campus Activities Board meeting, Billingsly Student Center  
**Noon—**  
Sigma Tau Delta meeting, Hearnes Hall, Room 224  
**5:30 p.m.—**  
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room  
**6:30 p.m.—**  
Sorority rush, Billingsly Student Center

### Thursday 5

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall  
**Noon—**  
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#### RESIDENCE HALLS

## Lack of space forces female bonding

Large enrollment leads to five women, one bathroom

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

While one woman is finishing her homework, another is listening to music. Meanwhile, another woman is talking to her boyfriend on the phone and yet another is walking toward the bathroom. They are trying in a hurry because another roommate will be heading home soon from practice.

It may sound like the Brady Bunch, or every college guy's dream, but when sophomore pre-medicine major Heather Andrews found out that the

already confirmed four students assigned to her room had become a more uncomfortable five, she was less than pleased.

"I think it's ridiculous!" she said. "We have five people in our room, and only one bathroom to share."

Andrews said the fifth student assigned to their room was a surprise since they had received their room assignments in July.

"There aren't enough desks for everyone to study, and one girl has to keep her closet down in the kitchen," she said.

Word about the surplus of freshmen women enrolled and the lack of space for them has spread quickly across Missouri Southern's campus, but not everyone considers the population increase a problem. Holley Goodnight, residence hall director,

says there hasn't been anything out of the norm to be overly concerned with.

"I don't think it's too crowded," she said. "We have plenty of space. All the girls have been great, and they've been working with us to smooth out any situation that comes up."

Cooperation is an exercise practiced by more than the freshmen women on campus. Some upperclassmen and pre-signed renters had to give up their on-campus apartments when the residence halls began to reach their maximum.

Freshman secondary education major Stella Rider considers herself lucky not to have to worry about lack of space. She is one of the entering freshmen to live in the on-campus apartments.

"In my apartment area, there are

like six guys in the entire complex, and then there are all these girls," Rider said. "It's really crazy!"

A few of the women recant an idealistic mantra, labeling the situation as part of the "college experience." But more seasoned residents note the distress voiced by friends.

"A lot of people have complained about it (lack of space)," said sophomore communications major Mark Lloyd. "They (residents pushed out of on-campus apartments) didn't think it was very fair. This little yellow slip comes in the mail saying 'due to overcrowding you're being moved back to the residence halls,'" he said. "If you think about it, it really isn't fair."

While the problem doesn't affect everyone on campus, the abundance of entering freshmen is a hot topic among some students. Some wonder

if the space hindrance isn't just going to keep getting worse.

"I don't think so," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "The biggest problem we've had is that we weren't able to designate as many male apartments as we wanted to."

"We never know how many students are going to enroll; it varies from year to year," he said. "We just happen to have more female on-campus enrollment than male. I know it isn't an ideal situation, but we're working on it," Carnahan said.

Meanwhile, Andrews is adamant about the situation.

"When I first found out [about an extra roommate] I was unhappy," she said.

"You can't tell me this is a good study environment. I mean, give me a break!"

#### STAFF PROFILE

...this was like an answered prayer.

## Goodnight says good day to new post

By RONNA SPARKS  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Most college graduates find employment that takes them away from campus, but for Holley Goodnight, graduation led her back to Missouri Southern.

Goodnight graduated from Southern in May with a B.A. in communications and was relieved to find a job in familiar surroundings as one of the residence hall directors.

"Your last semester is really stressful because you're not sure whether you'll get a job or go on to grad school, and this was like an answered prayer," she said.

For Goodnight, the director's position allows her to both have a job she enjoys and attend graduate school, two aspects that are important to her.

"I would like to teach in the communications field or pursue a career in a branch of student services, and this offers me a good opportunity because I'm getting experience in the field of student services and working on my master's at Pittsburg State University," she said.

Although her first week was sprinkled with minor nuisances such as a water leak and lightning striking the phone system, Goodnight has confidence this job will be an enjoyable experience.

"I think I'm really going to like it," she said. "I'm used to being really involved on campus because I worked in the men's athletic department for two years and so I know quite a few people and I think the interaction will be good."

Goodnight isn't the only individual who had confidence in her abilities. Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said she



BRETT DAWSON/The Chart

Residence hall staff assistant Lori Rains (left) talks with new women's residence hall director Holley Goodnight. Goodnight graduated from Missouri Southern in 1996 with a B.A. in speech communication.

underwent extensive training to ensure her success.

"We feel Holley was great in personality and potential for the job," he said.

Goodnight said she was involved in several extra-curricular activities as a student and believes it is important to take part in activities. She said she plans to encourage the residents to get involved.

"I just think it would be neat to see them (the students) get involved more," she said. "I just

want to let them know that there is stuff out there to do. There really is if students will just get involved and find their niche."

Goodnight said she plans to facilitate her idea by encouraging school spirit, extra-curricular activities, and sporting events.

There are other positive aspects in her new position. Goodnight said she was glad to find a job so close to her family in Carthage, especially her 7-week-old niece, Shelby, who she said will be a

"die-hard Lion fan" like her aunt.

Goodnight said she has to adjust to living with almost 250 women because she lived with her family while she was in college, but she's not being unrealistic with her hopes.

"I would like for us all to get along and cooperate well," she said, "but realistically I know that when you get a large group of people together, there are differences in personalities."

#### COUNSELING

## Blanford takes new position

By STEPHANIE WARD  
EDUCATION EDITOR

As a former student, staff assistant, and residence hall director, working with students is something that seems to come naturally to Lamonte Blanford.

He has now taken on the position of college exit counselor, a new service at Missouri Southern.

"I'm the first one to do it," Blanford said. "Lots of other colleges have already started it (exit counseling) due to the default rate of student loans."



Blanford

Blanford began his new job on July 1, after working as the men's residence hall director. He graduated from Southern in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and received his master's degree in human resource development.

He said he enjoys working at the College and his interaction with the students.

"What really interests me about this job," Blanford said, "is finding out why these students are coming in to withdraw."

"There are so many people and everybody is so busy at the beginning of the year, that some students get overwhelmed and think 'I can't handle it, I'm gonna drop out,' and in actuality, they can [handle it] if they have some help."

He said some students come in and are at the point of withdrawing and there's no changing their minds.

Every year the College has at least 100 students who withdraw before the year starts.

"A student doesn't have to wait until they're at the point of withdrawing," Blanford said. "Anytime they want, my office is open. They can come in and talk to me, and I can see what I can do."

Blanford said this is an interesting service as far as helping students, which he enjoyed doing in the residence halls.

He said he compares his new position to his old one in that he enjoys watching students come in their freshman year and experience the first years of college and then go on to finish their college career.

"The most rewarding thing that I haven't seen a lot of so far," he said, "is getting that student who thought that there was no other alternative but to withdraw for the semester, to find something to get them to stay in school."

"That's a great deal when somebody comes in...thinking they're not going to be able to go to school this semester, and you help them or connect them with somebody who can help them stay."

## Freshmen encounter new dating techniques

By CRAIG BEFFA  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Boy: "I may not be the best looking guy here, but I am the only one talking to you."

This was just one of the favorite pick-up lines suggested by incoming freshmen at a seminar Monday night in the Billingsly Student Center.

The seminar, called "Creative Dating," was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and was geared toward helping freshmen meet new people.

Some of the topics included creative dating ideas, the date's Bill of Rights, 10 important things to avoid on a first date, and warning signs of love.

Dave Coleman, a guest speaker from Cincinnati, Ohio, gave stu-

dents pointers on dating and 30 steps to become successful freshmen.

"This is not a date-rape workshop," Coleman said.

"I am not saying it is not important, but I am here to give better advice on managing your social life."

Coleman listed a few pointers for getting into the house quickly after a date.

"If you have a doorbell, lean on it," he said. "If you don't have a doorbell, 'accidentally' kick the door or make some noise."

A "Creative Dating" dance immediately followed the seminars.

"I met some new people and other freshmen," said Rodney McClure, freshman mathematics major. "It was pretty good. Dave was pretty funny."

#### CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD



MICHELLE COMTY/The Chart

College Orientation leaders Donald Greenlee (left) and Jennifer Klouse show their La Macarena dance skills at a CAB-sponsored event Monday.



JOPLIN

# Video trilogy re-creates city's history

By TAMMY SPICER  
STAFF WRITER

While some area residents may be able to remember the paving of Route 160 in the 1920s, more than memories must be relied upon to recall the importance of the railroad in the 1870s.

A new video, "Crossroads of America," chronicles that portion of Joplin's history. The 30-minute film, which aired Aug. 22 on KOZJ-TV, is the second segment in a three-part series titled "From the Ground Up: The Story of Joplin."

"The focus of this project is to accomplish a true, quality history to benefit the people of Joplin," said Miss Dikeman, KOZJ-TV station manager.

The trilogy project is a joint endeavor between Ozark Public Television and Main Street Joplin, Inc. that has been nearly three years in the making, Dikeman said.

"We both saw the void and decid-

ed that together we could fill the need of the community," Dikeman said.

The first episode in the series "Klondike of the Ozarks," took viewers from the early settlers of Joplin to the Civil War. It was aired on KOZJ-TV in December and then went on sale to the public.

"Coming of Age," the third and final chapter in the video history, will document the period from the 1930s until Joplin's centennial celebration in 1973. The film is still in the production stages, but it is scheduled for a December broadcast on Ozarks Public Television, Dikeman said.

"There are several excellent books available that chronicle Joplin's history," said Brad Belk, curator of the Dorothea B. Hoover museum and one of the writers of the trilogy's script.

"But this is the first conclusive video."

Belk, Leslie Simpson, director of the Post Memorial Art Reference Library, and David Cunningham, a

Joplin historian, worked together writing the script. One of the major focuses was to make it easy to understand for the average viewer, according to Belk.

"There were a lot of restraints on detail," he explained, "because we had to fit a certain time frame into a 30-minute period."

"This project has been an incredible gift to us," said Wendi Kelly, executive director of Main Street Joplin, Inc.

"We are a non-profit organization, and this has been a terrific fund-raiser."

More than 200 copies of the first video have been sold, and the release of the second video has spurred new interest by area residents, Kelly said.

"People were afraid that once the second video went on sale, they wouldn't be able to get the first one anymore," Kelly said.

"It also seems like people are really anxious for all three videos come to out."

The video history was made pos-



DOROTHEA B. HOOVER MUSEUM/Special to The Chart

An historic photo displaying Joplin's Main Street during the 1920s.

sible by Ozarks Public Television with grants from Empire District Electric Co., Southwestern Bell, Freeman Johnson Trust (Mercantile Bank, trustee) and Cablecom of Joplin.

Copies of "Crossroads of Amer-

ica" and "Klondike of the Ozarks" are available for purchase at Main Street Joplin, 409 Main St., for \$14.95 each.

"Coming of Age" will be available after its broadcast on KOZJ in December. □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### State gives ICI funds for classroom training

The Department of Economic Development has given funding to ICI Explosives USA for classroom training.

The funding of \$34,000 was given through the Missouri Customized Training Program to provide 60 employees further training. The trainees will earn an average wage of \$13 an hour. The program increases and improves the quality of the state's work force and allows employees to gain new skills that give them the opportunity for better jobs and wages while promoting economic development. □

### Noel touts largest party in area for Labor Day

The four-state area's largest Labor Day party will be held Saturday and Sunday at Shadow Lake in Noel, Mo.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday with a tropical pig roast and continue at 9 p.m. with a pre-race dance and party.

Sunday's schedule includes the 12th annual Shadow Lake canoe race. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. with preliminary canoe races at 3 p.m. and the finals at 5 p.m. There will also be a raft race at 4 p.m. with registration beginning at 2 p.m.

From 2-7 p.m. there will be a sand volleyball tournament. The Sunday events will have no registration fee, and every participant will receive a free T-shirt.

The male division of the bikini contest will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the women's division will be held at 7:30 p.m. A post-race dance and party is slated for 8:30 p.m. □

### Singleton announces Carthage water grant

Carthage will receive an Industrial Infrastructure Grant of \$500,000 from the state to fund water improvements, according to Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

"This grant will allow for economic growth and opportunity in Carthage," Singleton said. "I want to congratulate all those who worked to make this possible."

The funds will come from the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, which is designed to help communities with fewer than 50,000 people and counties of fewer than 200,000 citizens to pay for critically needed projects.

The grant is needed for the expansion of Schreiber Foods in the city. The project is expected to create approximately 50 jobs. □

### Graphic Technology receives state monies

Graphic Technology, a business operating in Joplin since 1995, has received state funds from the Division of Job Development and Training.

New capital investments of \$600,000 are planned, as well as 12 new jobs will be created by the company.

The grant Graphic Technology receives will go to reimburse the company for employees on-the-job training. A project to train individuals could cost up to \$13,200. The dollar amount covers employees who will be making approximately \$7 an hour.

Although Graphic Technology is new to Joplin, the company has been in operation since 1975. Graphic Technology manufactures pressure sensitive labels for retail and industrial markets.

Funds are available through the Customized Training Program of the Missouri Job Development Fund.

The Department of Economic Development oversees the Division of Job Development and Training. □

## SPLASHDOWN



Making a splash at Schifferdecker Pool Tuesday was Kalita Tarwater, 6, of Avila, Mo. She and other students were on a field trip to Joplin's watering hole from the R-13 school district.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

VILLAGE OF DUQUESNE

# Community, police fight crime

By BRANDON CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Residents of the Village of Duquesne are joining with law enforcement officials to help make their streets a little safer by organizing a community crime watch.

"The idea is to bring citizens closer to the police department, and the police department closer to the citizens," said Bob White, Duquesne police chief.

The idea arose in early July, after the police department received a Cop's Grant from the government.

"The idea is not a new one," White said. "Citizens as officers date back to the late 1700s. Police officers are citizens, and citizens are police."

The crime watchers will be deter-

mined on a volunteer basis.

"Volunteers will be provided cellular phones that can call 911, the police department, and the fire department," White said. "Four phones will be provided, and they will be rotated among the volunteers."

White said the program is not a result of an increase in crime in the Duquesne area.

"In our department there is usually only one officer on duty at a time," he said. "So it's difficult to be two places at the same time. Having people in the community watching for crimes will be a big help."

The group is being chaired by Bridgett Bonds.

"We hope to divide the village into four sections," Bonds said. "Volunteers will be responsible for

looking out for burglary, drug activity, and gang activity."

The response from the community has been mixed.

"Most people like the idea and say they want to be involved," she said. "But many aren't willing to do anything about it."

The community crime watch is one of many new projects the relatively new Duquesne Police Department wants to pursue.

"We hope to eventually extend the watch to some of the local businesses," White said.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Duquesne Police Department.

Southern students who live in the village of Duquesne are welcome to attend. Anyone interested can call the police department at 781-9494. □

SECONDARY EDUCATION

# Area school districts receive special grant

Webb City, Carthage become 'A+' schools

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Now in its third year, Missouri's A+ Schools Grant program has 11 new recipients, including five from southwest Missouri.

Two of the five school districts to receive the grant are in Jasper County. Carthage and Webb City school districts are now a part of one of the most sought after grant programs in the state.

Of the 18 districts to be awarded the grant, all of them scored better than 90 percent on a 100-percent scale. Carthage was the only district to score a perfect 100 for its proposal.

"We had a good application," Carthage Superintendent Ken Bowman said. "The only surprise was to find out we finished at the top of the list."

None of the school officials at either Webb City or Carthage were surprised by their selection. However, everyone said they were very pleased by the award.

"If we didn't get it I would have been surprised," Webb City Superintendent Ron Barton said.

Many schools who didn't receive the grant had applied for the grant before, while some had applied before and just received it this year.

"This was the first time we have applied for the grant," Webb City's A+ coordinator Sharon Lewis said.

Each school receives \$150,000 a year from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to help implement the ideas listed in the districts' proposals.

Each school must meet three requirements in the proposals. One is to cut the dropout rate of the school, another is to incorporate new learning and teaching techniques in the curriculum, and the last is to make sure students graduate to a high-paying job or go on to college or a technical college.

## New A+ Schools

District	Score
Carthage	100
Nevada	99.3
Marshfield	96.0
Webb City	95.6
Cassville	92.3

The above 5 districts were among 11 in the southwest region and 64 statewide which applied for the grant. A total of 18 districts became 'A+' schools this fall semester.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

"One of the thrusts of this program is career education," Carthage A+ coordinator Janna Gordanier said. "It's a major component."

Both Webb City and Carthage will focus the thrust of their grant monies on their high school curricula. And both schools say their dropout rates are better than the state average.

Another perk of the grant is the opportunity for students who graduate from an A+ school to go to a junior or community college for two years free of charge.

To receive free schooling, students must maintain an attendance of 95 percent for all high school years, a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5, and remain drug and alcohol free.

Gordanier said she and the group of school officials who put together the Carthage proposal took advice from other districts who had already received the grant, including Joplin.

She said Carthage and Webb City swapped ideas, also.

"We looked at numerous programs — as many as 11 — including Joplin's," Bowman said.

Joplin was among the first batch of schools to receive the grant. Seniors at Joplin High School are now eligible to take part in the free schooling offer. □

COMMUNITY SERVICE

# Joplin Family Y to provide after-school child-care program

Facility expects almost 200 children to attend; care ends at 6 p.m.

By AARON DESLATTE  
STAFF WRITER

With the school season at hand, many working parents will need assistance taking care of their chil-

dren, and with the help of the R-8 school district, the Joplin Family Y will try to provide just that.

The Joplin Y is offering an after-school child-care program that will be available at R-8 elementary schools. The program is open to all community members for a fee of \$25 per week or \$5 a day.

"The program begins as soon as the bell rings," said Hollee Johanson, marketing director for the Y. "The first thing we do is have an after-school snack. We are state licensed and do follow state guidelines for

cleanliness and hygiene. So it is a healthy snack."

"After that's done, we have a supervised homework time, where our instructors can assist if they have any problems."

The program offers organized play time, which is usually outdoors if the weather is good. Care is provided until 6 p.m.

"This year, The Joplin Y is expecting a larger enrollment in the program than ever before."

"Last year, we had more than 150 students participating," Johanson said. "So far this year we have 110 signed up before school

begins, and we estimate that we'll have more than 75 enroll after school starts."

The Joplin Family Y is also offering benefits for college students.

"We offer college memberships to all students," Johanson said. "We let them come to the Y free of charge for the first couple weeks to see if they like it. We want to make them feel welcome in town and help maintain their wellness."

For more information on these programs, persons may contact The Joplin Family Y at 623-4597. □





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## Coming Attractions

### On Campus



### Art Exhibit

■ Aug. 26—Largest art exhibit in College history to feature variety of 3-D mediums. Spiva Art Gallery

### Joplin



### Concert

■ Aug. 30—Walking On Einstein to take the stage at The Bypass, 624-9095

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**The Bypass**  
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Sept. 13-14—A Picture Made  
Sept. 20—Kelly Hunt Band  
Sept. 29—Walking On Einstein  
**The Grind**  
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Aug. 30—Farewell show  
**Joplin Little Theatre**  
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Oct. 1-6—Hello, Dolly!  
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### Carthage

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Sept. 20-22—Same Time, Next Year

### Kansas City

**Sandstone Amphitheatre**  
Sept. 13—Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper  
Sept. 14—Jethro Tull, Emerson, Lake, and Palmer  
Sept. 15—Sawyer Brown, Toby Keith  
Sept. 21—Cranberries, Cracker  
**Starlight Theatre**  
Sept. 7—John Tesh  
Sept. 19—George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars  
Sept. 20—Wheel of Fortune  
Sept. 28—Grover Washington Jr., Ramsey Lewis  
**Midland Theatre**  
Sept. 18—Peter, Paul, & Mary  
**Municipal Auditorium**  
Sept. 8—George Clinton  
**Heartland Theatre**  
Oct. 6—Greater Tuna

### St. Louis

**Riverport Amphitheatre**  
Sept. 5—Pointfest  
Sept. 13—Jethro Tull, Emerson, Lake & Palmer  
Sept. 14—Dave Matthews, Ben Harper  
Sept. 15—U Pik Nick  
Sept. 20—Cranberries, Cracker  
Sept. 25—Alanis Morissette  
**Fox Theatre**  
Sept. 3 to 8—West Side Story  
Oct. 1 to 6—A Chorus Line

## SOUTHERN THEATRE REVIEW

# Performances save production

By AILEEN GRONWOLD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Great performances by Mark Sweet, senior English major, and Parade Heidlage, sophomore theatre major, salvaged a mediocre play in last week's encore presentation of *Oleanna*.

The play, written by David Mamet, tackles the issue of sexual harassment in the professor/student relationship. The action in the play consists almost entirely of broken and stilted dialogue between a student (Heidlage) and her professor (Sweet), which erupts in violence at the end.

The staging of the production as "theatre in the round," with the audience seated on stage, greatly intensified the drama. The set was perfect.

In fact, everything about the production was exceptional except the play itself. Although Mamet succeeds in creating a thought-provoking scenario, it is too one-sided to do justice to such a complex issue.

The professor, while guilty of careless indiscretions, is clearly the victim of false accusations from an angry and unbalanced student. Faculty viewers were obviously

identifying with him, but as a student, I found little in common with the student character. Instead of giving both students and professors food for thought, the play served a heaping portion of paranoia to faculty and let the students go hungry.

Mamet focuses on faulty communication and power as underlying causes of the sexual harassment charge, but he drives the first into the ground and doesn't fully develop the latter. A subtitle identifies the production as "a power play," but the accusations of power-mongering that the student levels against the professor are unsupported by the action, and the finger points more strongly back at her.

The too-rapid character development of the student further damages believability.

In Act I she is vulnerable, confused, and inarticulate, but by Act III she is transformed into an eloquent crusader of political correctness.

In spite of the weaknesses in the script, the cast and crew of *Oleanna* did a superb job. The rapid dialogue, subtle humor, and dramatic conclusion kept my attention right up to the last whimper as the lights fell. □



MICHELLE CONTY/The Chant

Parade Heidlage, sophomore theatre major, cowers from Mark Sweet, senior English major, in Southern Theater's production of 'Oleanna.' The play centers on sexual harassment among students and their teachers.

## SPIVA ART GALLERY

# Largest art exhibit benefits alumni, students

## Event to give insight to career options

By GINNY DUMOND  
STAFF WRITER

Thirteen alumni of the Missouri Southern art department have come together to present the largest alumni art exhibit in the College's history. The exhibit, titled "Crafts: Traditional and Contemporary,"

opened Monday in the Spiva Art Gallery and will run for three weeks, according to V.A. Christensen, assistant professor of art and coordinator of the event.

The reason for the exhibit's longevity is that it "focuses on the medium of craft," Christensen said. "This is an area of art which doesn't get a lot of attention."

Ceramics, fibers, metals, and woods are among the mediums represented. Jim Bray, art department head, said this project is a "big deal" for another reason.

"This makes it possible for our current students to see the accomplishments of some of our former students," he said.

Besides familiarizing Southern art students with alumni, the exhibit provides students with "some insight about the variety of career options that are open for them," Christensen said.

For returning Southern alumni, this exhibition provides a chance for them to give back to the art department while reuniting with old instructors and classmates.

"Many former students who are not part of the exhibit will come to see their old friends and the work they have done during this time," Christensen said.

According to Bray, Christensen is the unsung hero of this exhibition.

"Val has really master-minded this whole event," Bray said. "Not only has he been responsible for organizing the exhibit, he personally built the new display cases as well."

"I can't vouch for the quality," Christensen said, "but it was quite a bit of work." □

## JOPLIN LITTLE THEATRE

# Musical play 'Hello Dolly' to open Oct. 1 in Joplin

## Actors to give fun, lively, performances

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

Tired of movies and just hanging out? Has television become way too boring? Try the theatre.

The Joplin Little Theatre will be presenting *Hello Dolly*, opening Oct. 1. *Hello Dolly* is a musical comedy based on Michael Stewart's book *Hello Dolly* and Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*. The program contains the familiar score of Jerry Herman.

*Dolly Levi*, played by Lisa Olliges-Green, is among other things a matchmaker.

The production revolves around *Dolly's* escapades as she manipulates the lives of most of her fellow characters in order to obtain her goal — matching people up. Webb City resident Sandy Oliver, who plays Mrs. Rose, commented on how she and her husband, Tim Oliver (who plays Horace Vandergelder), laughed continuously when they read the script.

Another member of the cast, Michelle Testman, is an elementary education major at Missouri

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10. Jorge Leyva, Joplin
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12. Charles Stephens, Neosho
13. Melody Knowles, Carthage

## THE GRIND

# Coffee shop closes doors forever

## Local musicians to bid farewell

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Local bands will be performing to a stand-up audience when the Grind opens its doors for one last show on Friday night.

There will be no couches, chairs or tables. Those attending won't even be able to buy a soda when area bands say their final farewells to the coffee shop they have been performing in for the last year.

"This place is going to be completely cleared out," said Tyler Huffman, guitarist for Big Bad Chubba, as he was removing equipment from the club on Monday night. "All the seats are gone already."

"It's sad," Huffman said. "Bands won't have a place to play now... I guess there will be Schifferdecker Park shows but there's not a specific place for bands to play, until another (club) comes around."

According to the Grind's owner, Darop Goode, the club is closing down forever due to the "kids' attention span."

"The kids supported it for a while and then hum-drum set in," Goode said. "Things started dis-



SHANDY McFARLANE/The Chant

The Grind is closing its doors due to lack of interest from patrons.

appearing...coffee cups...ash trays...and it just wasn't something I wanted to do anymore."

"I'd rather work at Gringo's than run a coffee shop again."

About a month ago, Goode made the decision to close the shop. He then quit opening it except for an occasional show.

Next door to the Grind is another coffee shop, the Basket Case. It too, is closing its doors to the public. This has led to rumors that another popular coffee house, Java House, is also closing.

"I think the first year is a milestone," said Brook Drumm, owner of Java House. "We've been here a year and I think

we're going to be here."

"It's a little bit scary because it is another coffee house that's closing," he said. "But I've said all along that we're doing it the right way. Competition is good for everybody, but a high quality place in Joplin with good coffee and a nice atmosphere — there's only one and that's us."

There are five bands slated to play at the Grind's last show: Big Bad Chubba, Toucan Sam, Rowskabouts, the Richards, and the Creeps, but more are expected to appear. The show is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., but Huffman expects it to actually be earlier. Admittance is \$3. □

I'm so glad my husband encouraged me to try out. It has been so much fun.

Michelle Testman  
Cast member

Southern. Testman is a dancer in the production and member of the chorus.

"I studied drama and theatre in high school and college," Testman said, "but I never performed in a play before. I auditioned for it and was chosen for the chorus. I'm so glad my husband encouraged me to try out," she said. "It has been so much fun."

The director, Chet Fritz, is pleased with the progress of the show and remarked on how much effort the cast has put into the rehearsals.

Heather Haar, a senior theatre major at Southern, choreographed the production. She said it will be active and lively. □



BY KEVIN COLEMAN



# IN YOUR EAR

## Starship fails to rock the house

Starship touched down on planet Joplin last Saturday night to play for the inhabitants willing to actually pay for a concert in Memorial Hall.

Special guest Survivor opened the show. Their hard hitting style of rock-n-roll was undaunted by the eerie near-emptiness of the hall and the next-to-utter indifference of the crowd.

While the band played their hearts out, the audience sat passively through nearly every song as if afraid their participation might bring about their damnation. There was applause at the end of each song but nothing like a genuinely enthusiastic response.

Survivor first hit the charts with "Eye of the Tiger" from the movie Rocky 3. The crowd did come to life for this particular selection, but held back for others, such as "I Can't Hold Back."

I can't blame the band for not giving the crowd an encore.

After a 30-minute break for the road crew to set up for Starship's landing and a talk with security about getting better seats, it was still much the same story.

Starship played a fantastic set despite Mickey Thomas' complaints of sleep deprivation. When someone in the audience asked, "Where's Grace?" Thomas took it in stride.

"You tell me," he responded.

Thomas said he thought the band's infamous lead vocalist was doing "about twenty years of community service."

The band went on to play several of their better-known album cuts like "We Built This City on Rock and Roll," "Sara," "Jane," and several others. They even played the Beatles' "Rocky Raccoon."

But when someone asked for "White Rabbit," or some other pre-Mickey Thomas, Jefferson Airplane/Starship song, he refused, explaining that was "sacred ground."

Starship put on an excellent show. However, their efforts to incite the crowd to get rowdy were sadly unsuccessful.

Unlike Survivor, they did come back out and play "Rock and Roll is Good Time Music" as an encore.

The weaknesses of the Starship show are by no means reflections on the bands themselves. These are seasoned professional musicians who know how to deliver a premier performance.

The problem lies with Memorial Hall. Even if you disregard the access problem, which, being a wheelchair user, I can't do, there is still the problem with the strict reserved seating. The hall was less than half-full.



## 80's FLASHBACK

Saturday night but still there were ticket-buyers confined to seats where they could not get a decent view of the stage. There should have been no problem with security allowing those people to move to better unoccupied seats. I was only allowed to change seats because the size of my chair prevented me fitting easily into row 5.

There is the problem with not having the freedom to stand and take a photograph. Security should be able to find something better to do than reprimanding a fan who stands up or moves from their seat to take a picture.

The acoustics in Memorial Hall are the worst I've ever heard in a concert hall, and who ever heard of going to a rock-n-roll show where you couldn't even light a cigarette?

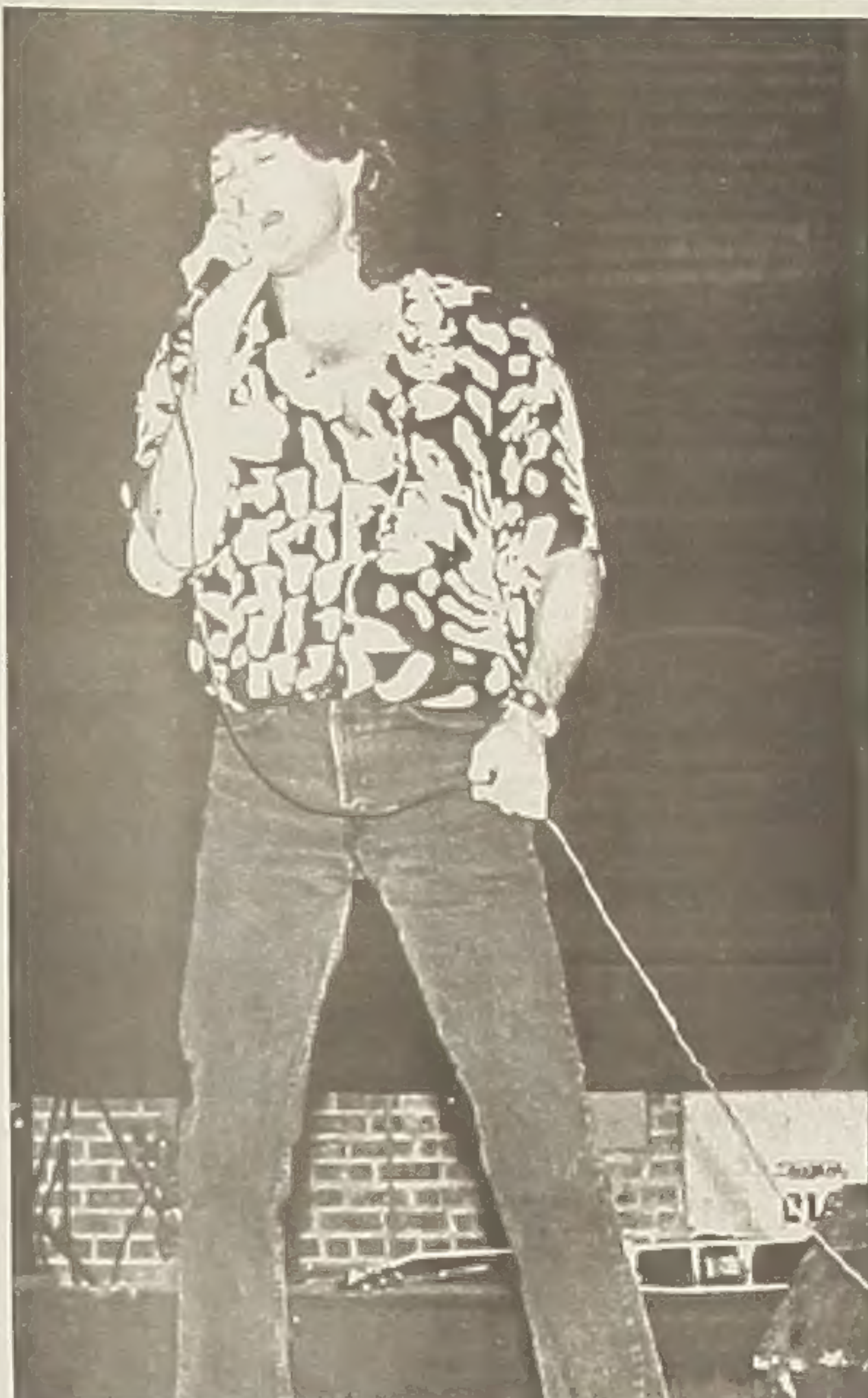
Of course there isn't much that can be done about the acoustics problem, but I'm sure more people would be attracted to a band like Starship if security would relax a little on the other restrictions.

Come on people, lighten up. Rock 'n Roll should be fun.

Do you really think we are going to wreck Memorial Hall?

Let my people Rock 'n Roll. ☐

While the band played their hearts out the audience sat passively through nearly every song as if afraid their participation might bring about their damnation.



TOP: Mickey Thomas, lead singer for Starship, belts out a tune during a Memorial Hall concert Saturday night.

LEFT: Thomas takes a seat in front of the crowd while the band performed "Sara." Fellow '80s band Survivor joined the group for the concert at Memorial Hall. Both bands played several hits from a decade ago. The fans heard such songs as "Eye of the Tiger," "I Can't Hold Back," "The Search Is Over," and "We Built This City." The show was sponsored by "Big Dog" 97.9 FM.

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## Nuts & Bolts

### Preventable tragedies?

A few weeks ago, there was a bad wreck on Highway 54 in Missouri, about halfway between Nevada and El Dorado Springs. Involved were two American vehicles, a Ford Taurus SHO and a Mercury minivan, presumably a Villager. The driver of the Taurus was found to be at fault, but we will never know why he crossed the line into the Villager's path, because passengers in both vehicles were all asleep, and both drivers were killed. Both drivers had



Leslie Roberts  
Associate Editor

airbags and both were wearing their seatbelts, according to what a state trooper told us at the Nevada Regional Medical Center emergency department.

Discussing the accident, one of the nurses there said, "It's not fair! Seat belts and air bags are supposed to save lives!"

However, for some reason, this time they didn't. I can't help but think that if Ford and Mercury were interested in finding out what specifically caused those fatal injuries, the companies might be able to redesign their vehicles so that future, similar accidents would not have such tragic results.

In Europe, Volvo and Mercedes-Benz have employed crash investigation teams for 16 and 27 years, respectively. Except for one medical doctor per team, they are staffed wholly by auto engineers. From the information gathered over years of investigating crashes involving their cars, they have redesigned their cars; Mercedes-Benz has reduced fatalities to the point of diminishing returns and is now concentrating on reducing severe injuries.

To be fair, the European companies investigate accidents only within a certain radius of their headquarters, and so even if Ford and Mercury had such teams, the Highway 54 accident would most certainly have escaped their notice. Still yet, I have to wonder why more companies haven't adopted the crash investigation team idea. Is it because of possible liability lawsuits? Because they haven't gotten around to it yet? Or is it simply indifference?

It is a sad possibility that in trying to improve their cars, an American company would get sued because it didn't do improve its cars before the accidents happened.

One reason the European teams have had such success is that they have never been subpoenaed to appear in court.

Even so, accident investigation teams might be an idea whose time has come for the American car manufacturers, because in addition to the good public relations such a team could generate, there's also a profit motive behind all this. Dead customers don't buy any more cars, and live ones tend to want to stay that way. □

*Editor's note: Information about Volvo and Mercedes-Benz crash investigation teams was gleaned from "Detectives Without Badges" by Phil Berg, Car and Driver, July 1995, pp. 136-143.*

1996 BMW Z3

# New BMW leaves lasting impression

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I've always wanted to drive California's Highway 1, and so I managed to procure *Road & Track's* long-term BMW Z3 for a week-end trip up the coast this summer.

I've been a little bit biased against the Z3 since its introduction, because I am a die-hard Miata enthusiast. The two are not direct competitors; a fully-loaded Miata M Edition comes in around \$25,000, about \$5,000 less than a base Z3. But the Z3 would not fall out of reach for the average Miata buyer—statistics say he makes \$45,000 yearly.

So I set out on my trip with the Z3 under intense scrutiny and the Miata in mind. The first order of business was to put the top down. The Z3's top latches are harder to operate than those of a Miata, but one can still put the top down from the driver's seat. The top is

of a higher quality material; where the Miata's top is made of vinyl, the Z3 top material looks like that on Mercedes-Benz SL tops.

Once on the road, wind buffeting at highway speeds was not unbearable. My passenger gave up trying to keep her hat on, though. The ride is smoother than the Miata's, belying the Z3's 3-series origins. Many passing motorists showed enthusiasm for the car; Z3s are still relatively rare, even in southern California.

The dark blue metallic exterior and black interior of our car especially enhanced the Z3's muscular shape. Unfortunately, the 4-cylinder didn't have enough oomph to live up to the promise of the shape—a 6-cylinder is rumored to be on the way for next year as an optional engine. But despite having a lot of weight in the front, the 4-cylinder still revved happily to redline and held its own through big-city traffic.

One of my favorite Z3 features was the locking mechanism. With the doors unlocked, the trunk could be opened by simply pressing a button. With one turn of the key in any of the three locks, all three could be either locked or unlocked. In a bad neighborhood, this all-unlocked mode might be a disadvantage, but during our trip, it did make access easier.

Status is another thing that a buyer might consider a BMW advantage, especially in status-conscious places like Newport Beach, where Mercedes-Benz automobiles are as common as Chevrolets are here.

Do the ritzy nameplate and sports-car body make this a \$5,000 more desirable car than the Miata?

That's a question every prospective customer will have to ask. The Z3 is a nice car, I will not argue. But until the 6-cylinder version debuts, its niceties don't justify its price. □



LESLIE ROBERTS/The Chart

The Z3, BMW's first sports car offering to the U.S. since the 507, is rumored to have an optional 6-cylinder on the way.

## CRUNCH!



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

This was the last crash for Leroy Luney of Miami, Okla. The hit from car number 6X driven by Chuck Blevins, also of Miami, was enough to put Luney's number 32 out of contention for the \$800 first-place prize money in Sunday's Derby for Dystrophy held at Joplin's 66 Speedway, on Blackcat Road.

AUTOMOTIVE JOURNAL

## Internship with 'Road & Track' gives experience of a lifetime

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When the call came in April, I was so excited I could hardly finish putting my newspaper page together. It was Ellida Maki, managing editor of *Road & Track* magazine, calling to offer me the summer editorial internship position for which I had applied. I accepted and made plans for a summer in Newport Beach, Calif.

For a car enthusiast who also happens to like putting a publication together, an internship with a magazine of this type is a dream come true. Not only did I get to ride in and drive cars dealers won't even let me sit in, but I also got eight hours of college credit for those and other experiences.

I spent the first few weeks in the office proofreading articles and helping to pack. The offices were having new paint and carpet installed while I was there, and so my internship required more physical labor than it normally would have.

During the third week of my internship, I went to the Mercedes-Benz press introduction of the E420 at Willow Springs Raceway. What made this event especially neat was the cross section of Benz cars we got to drive while there. At one point, all the shiny-new E420s were sitting on pit lane, while the assembled journalists were out on the track sampling C280s, E320s, SL500s, and one S500. After that bit of excitement, I settled back down to learning how the magazine is produced. I helped edit the "Letters to the Editor" column. I picked out which letters to use, edited them for length and clarity, and wrote headlines for them. I also learned how to OK page spreads for ship-

ment as the September issue was released to the printer.

With the September issue finished, we held off starting on the October issue in earnest until after the Fourth of July holiday.

As I was leaving the office on the Wednesday before the long weekend, something low and red caught my eye. "VIPER!" flashed across my brain. Indeed it was, a lip-stick red '96 roadster with mustard-yellow wheels. The corner of Newport Beach in which the office is located is somewhat industrial, and I thought, "There's only one place that car could be headed."

By the time I got back to the office, the driver was checking it in at the front desk. I glanced at the paperwork. It was being delivered for Ron Sessions, the editor of *Road & Track Specials*. I promptly became Ron's best friend. He patiently figured out how to dismantle the Viper's top and, after a quick blast down Pacific Coast Highway, asked if I wanted to drive. Naturally, I accepted. The Viper was remarkably easy to drive; with 10 cylinders and 415 bhp on tap, the clutch was easier to operate than that of the supercharged-6 Aston Martin DB7 I drove later.

Another fun thing I got to do was drive at Pomona International Raceway. No, not one of the flame-throwing, fire-devouring rail drag-

sters; I drove a Neon. Stop laughing. I drove a Neon, and I won. After a test session at Pomona that included tests of the new Infiniti Q45, a Cavalier Z24, a Nissan 200SX SE-R, and a Neon coupe, someone suggested an "intern face-off." Christophe Rousseaux, who was also interning with *Road & Track*, and I nosed up to the line; he in the SE-R and me in the Neon. Lacking access to the Christmas

tree, feature editor Andy Bornhop waved us off. I sidestepped the clutch and mashed the gas to the floor. When the front wheels stopped hopping, I was slightly ahead of the SE-R and I kept that lead all the way to the quarter-mile marker. Christophe said later he missed a shift. Ha! Excuses, excuses. I got to go to Pomona a second time to watch road test editor Kim Reynolds test the DB7. After Kim finished testing the car, we headed up the coast to Santa Barbara County for a photo shoot. I rode in the Aston with Kim, but the a/c wasn't cooling very well. At our first refreshment stop, I was having traitorous thoughts of riding in the support car, an Infiniti Q45, with photographer Guy Spangenberg until Kim said, "I'm getting kind of tired. Would you drive?" All thoughts of abandoning the DB7 vanished. Imagine this: You've just purchased a super-lame Thirst Annihilator and you're suddenly asked to drive the most expensive car you've ever seen. And it's not an automatic. Nevertheless, one cannot refuse such an opportunity. Kim helped out by holding my Pepsi until we were underway. At first, my shifts were less than optimal; in fact, they

BOOK REVIEW

## 'The Last Open Road' has humor, history

By LESLIE ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With *The Last Open Road*, author Burt S. Levy has created an entertaining story about sports car racing in the early '50s that remains true to the facts. It is a delightful, coming-of-age tale about Buddy Palumbo, a young man who became a grease-monkey mechanic just out of high school and got involved in sports car racing as a result of that job. Along the way, he falls in love with Julie Finzio, niece of his boss, and gets to know many interesting people in the sport. His descriptions of those people and their cars are especially fascinating and often funny. It is difficult for me to know which characters are figments of Levy's imagination and which were actually present in the '50s racing scene, because I wasn't there.

However, I did know Phil Hill's name: Hill was brought into the story through a race at Elkhart Lake, driving a Jaguar C-Type. It is this artful intertwining of the actual and the fictional that makes this book so interesting to read. It's like a history of the early days of sports car racing, with Palumbo experiencing the parties and socializing so the reader really gets to feel as if he or she was there.

Also adding to the realism are the rich descriptions of places such as Bridgehampton and events such as the Giant's Despair Hill Climb in Pennsylvania. It is obvious that Levy attended such events and also that he knows more than a little about working on automobiles. This knowledge has helped Levy to write a fascinating book, and I hope he's working on a sequel. □



ELLIDA MAKI/Special to The Chart

Members of the 'Road & Track' editorial staff relax from their hectic schedule with a beer and bratwurst cookout at the home of senior editor Joe Rusz. From left, editor-in-chief Thos L. Bryant, intern Christophe Rousseaux, feature editor Andrew Bornhop, intern Leslie Roberts, feature editor Doug Kott, and editorial secretary Joan Peters.

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nearly gave us whiplash, but they improved. Kim showed amazing trust in me by taking a nap. I enjoyed driving the Aston Martin, but I was more than ready to be a passenger again and let my nerves relax by the next gas stop.

The final highlight of the summer was when Richard Straman brought his latest creation, a Ferrari 456 GT convertible, by the office. Ferrari is known for making convertibles out of cars whose manufacturers haven't gotten around to it yet. As we were standing in the R & T parking lot, watching him power the top down, drivers of a Jaguar E-Type coupe and a Ferrari Testarossa stopped to watch. After the top was down, the Testarossa driver screamed off into the distance.

Then Straman handed the keys to editor-in-chief Tom Bryant. With Tom driving, Straman in the passenger seat, and me and editorial assistant Jerilyn Morris in the tiny back seats, we set off on my first Ferrari ride. By the time we got back, I was bubbling over with enthusiasm. Climbing the stairs to the R & T offices with Tom, I said, "Boy, this is a cool job!"

"Well, it beats selling balloons on the sidewalk," he said. □



# Changing of the guard:

## Joplin sports radio icon throws in the towel after 46 years

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After 47 years of sports broadcasting, the voice of the Lions has decided to throw in the towel. Don Gross, a former play-by-play announcer for the Joplin Sports Network, announced his decision last spring.

"A couple of years ago, the year Missouri Southern won the MIAA football championship," Gross said, "I mentioned to Jim [Frazier, men's athletic director] that I was thinking about leaving."

"I talked it over with my wife and we made the decision that I would wait two more years until I was 65 and then I was done."

Frazier said he had an inkling that Gross' last days on the headset were soon to come.

"I had been anticipating it for about three years," Frazier said. "I was beginning to think we were going to have to haul him out of here. His age probably had a lot to do with the decision to leave. The traveling was not an easy thing to do."

Gross said it would be tough not being involved, but he will still remain an avid fan, attending home games and as many road games as possible.

"The first year will be the hardest," he said. "I don't know if I'll miss the travel or not, but I'll probably wake up early and start to get ready."

"It'll be a little hard to be a full-time fan," he said. "I'll do the play by play in my head. It's hard if you've done something for so long and then slam the door and say 'I'm done.'"

Frazier said the loss will be a personal one for both the fans and the College.

"He is the best play-by-play announcer in the state of Missouri, if not the four-state area," Frazier said. "He

explains the games so well that the listener can see the ball move down the field or see the basketball arc through the air toward the basket. He puts it in a perspective that even a casual fan can understand the events."

Gross said he got his start in broadcasting by chance.

He was playing minor league baseball for the Southern Association, which had affiliations with the Atlanta Crackers and Chicago White Sox. In 1949 he broke his finger and never regained full use. Gross was asked to help call an inning while he was on the disabled list because the regular broadcaster was hampered with a cough.

"As it turns out, I did a good job," Gross said. "The station manager asked if I would come back and do another inning."

With the regular announcer's cough persisted Gross was asked to call the remainder of the road trip. And that was the beginning of his new career.

"I ended up with a choice," Gross said, "broadcasting or player-manager."

Gross chose to hit the airwaves, landing in Joplin in April 1950.

And for 46 years, his deep, radio-friendly voice has covered high school, junior college, and college games in Joplin ever since.

"The most outstanding thing I see is all that time was when the stadium was built here on campus in 1957 and they put down the artificial turf," Gross said.

"Southern sports will always be good. Football is on its way. Basketball will continue to be good, but the facility is probably what holds them back."

"There will be championships down the road," and he would be the man who would know.



Joplin Sports Network play-by-play man Don Gross retired last spring.



## Southern athlete lives his dream

Every little boy dreams of one day making it to the big leagues, of playing under the lights and listening to the roar of the crowds. For one Missouri Southern graduate, this dream became a reality.

Ken Grundt, a 1991 economics and finance graduate, became the first Southern baseball player to make that step, debuting as a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox earlier this month.

"It was very exciting," Grundt said. "I was just glad to be there."

Warren Turner, head baseball coach, said he knew Grundt could do it.

"Ken always did have a lot of talent, but he also had a lot of heart."

That heart is what has carried Grundt through the tough times in the minor leagues.

"It's not nearly as glamorous as everyone else seems to think," he said. "It's not just seven o'clock games and parties afterward. It's a lot of hard work."

"We show up for three to four hours of grueling practice every day; then there are long bus trips, bad food, and cheap hotels. The worst, though, is being away from home. We are gone so much, you really begin to miss your family."

Grundt said there were good times, though, and that he wouldn't trade his time in the minor leagues for anything.

"There is a great camaraderie between us all," he said. "You just look around every day in amazement thinking, 'I'm getting paid to play a kid's game.' It's a great feeling."

"Even though we don't make the big bucks, fly to our games, or stay in the fancy hotels, there is something very satisfying about what we do. We just go out every day, try to do our best, and have a lot of fun doing it."

Grundt, who pitched only one-third of an inning against the Toronto Blue Jays before he was dispatched back to Triple AAA Pawtucket, remains optimistic about his future.

"I wasn't really that happy about my performance," he said. "I gave up a double [to John Olerud]. After I went out, he scored, so I got the run."

"I feel like I could have done better, but now I know what it feels like to be there. All I can do now is come back that much more focused. I will get back."

"Reaching the major leagues was the culmination of six years of hard work, and I don't intend to let it go to waste. I've learned from the mistakes I made, and I won't make them again."

Turner said he never would have expected Grundt to do otherwise.

"Ken is a fighter," he said. "He has faced adversity before, and this is no different. He can do it."

*Ken Grundt*  
Pawtucket

# Southern Scoreboard

## FOOTBALL

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5. Missouri Southern	6-4	5-4
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9. Southern Baptist	2-8	2-7
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### MIAA Coaches poll

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5. Central Missouri	53
6. North Carolina	50
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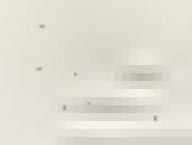
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The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

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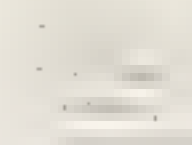
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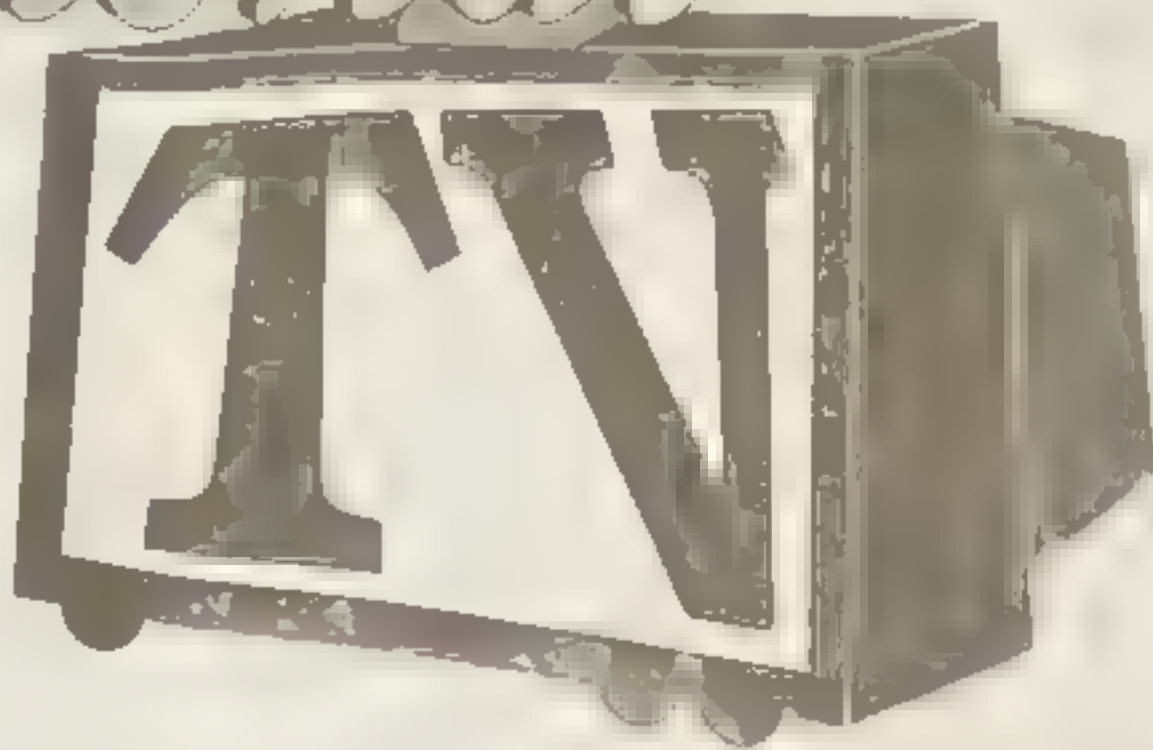
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# Unconventional



Almost getting a shot at stardom is the author (left) getting pointers from CNN Inside Politics anchor Bernard Shaw (center). CNN, along with NBC, ABC, and CBS, had choice views of the Republican National Convention held Aug. 12-15 in San Diego.

## Network coverage makes waves, news

Amid the hoopla surrounding Bob Dole and his campaign savior Jack Kemp's arrival in "the finest city in America," I was waiting to catch a glimpse of the tandem.

I wasn't alone, however. Every small-time local politician and even some large nonhacks waited but with better seats. It was taking too long for the arrival, so I moved on to be friendly with the CNN compound.

Feeling awkward enough already at a Republican event, I had the hardest time looking the other way as I myself trying on a different kind of journalism.



J.L. Griffin  
Executive Editor

Attender that broadcast news like the deranged.

tax plan for me, I had to be in San Diego, my view had changed.

The problem as I had lied in the past, I had never witnessed the production.

to the San Diego hind. My respect for the broadcast industry is down, and I can honestly say I don't think of it as deranged.

For ever, talking me more money than they should there in 1996.

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though. It is them the convention planners catered since 1972 when Richard Nixon's group crumpled the convention plans down to the "spontaneous demonstrations," national political conventions have never been the same. It seems this year's news journalists may have had enough.

Fred Koppel took his boys, packed up, and went home due to the fact that "there is no future."

Everyone knows it was staged except maybe a few at home who honestly think Bob Dole's acceptance speech magically ended the prime time news war.

Maybe the biggest news was that the convention was the mumbling and growl heard throughout the night that many executives were threatening not to return in 2000.

The other news never really made the newscast or the headlines but it was indeed quite a story. The lighting and bickering over being guests for various news programs may be the real attraction to the circus.

CNN lost a chance to interview Dole well live after his opening night speech. Sam Donaldson lost the chance to interview Dole after his acceptance speech. The production literally shoved Maria Shriver away from the news site and into a chair. Katie Couric was the much maligned NBC anchor of the day at the CNN compound while her 15-minute news with Jack Kemp ran 20 minutes too long, forcing CNN to wait another day to interview the Republican hope for second lady.

One CNN scriptwriter told me, with a straight face, that it is a terminating offense to "make the news." However, no one honestly says the television news industry wasn't guilty of that two weeks ago in San Diego. The Republicans may have staged a but it was TV who made it.

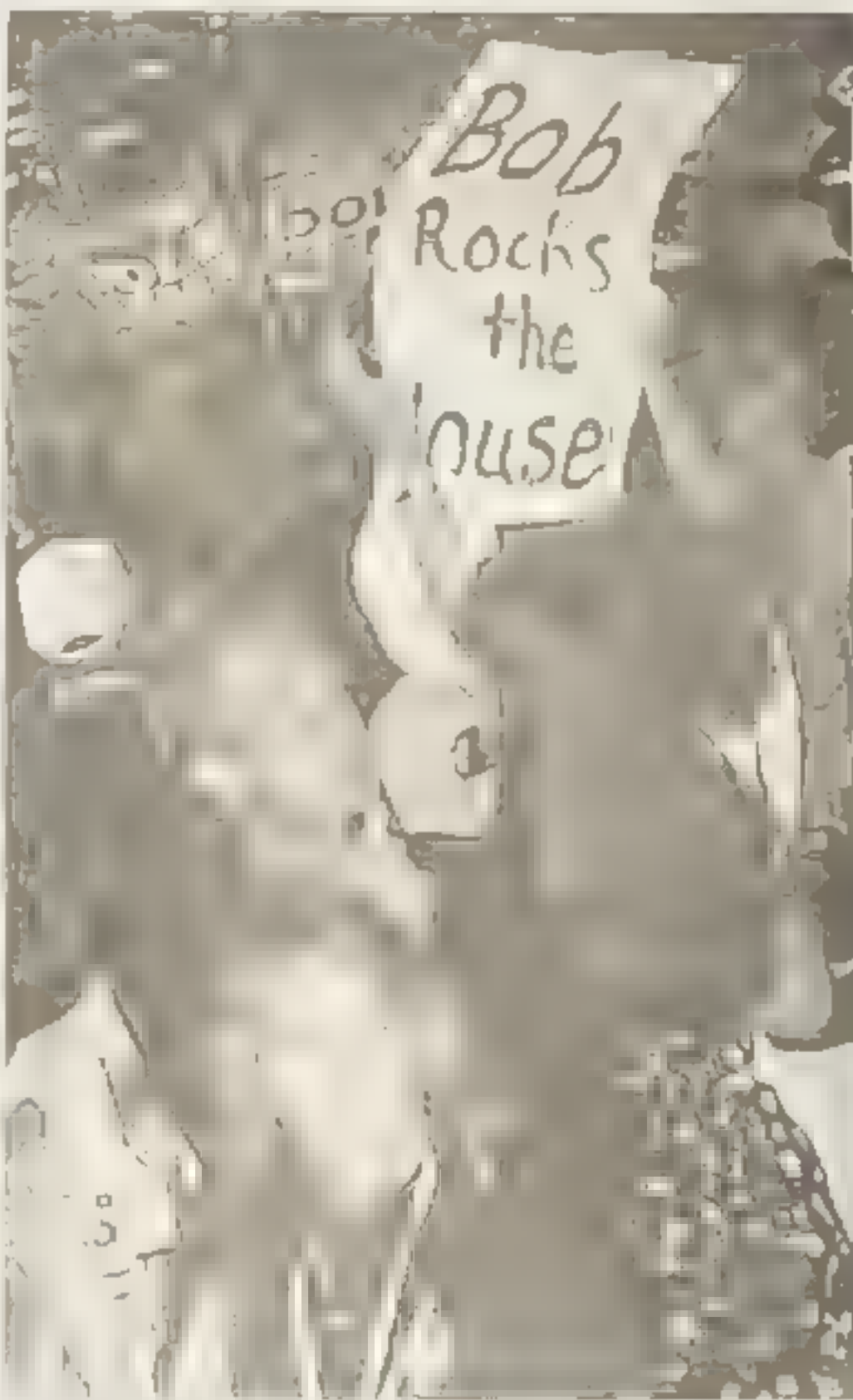
It was TV who made Jack Kemp the next best thing to sliced bread and it was TV who made him whose his ideals and values in order to sell the Republican ticket as unified.

No, I don't believe the broadcast news industry is deranged, just slightly demented.



The Dole

The smallest convention site in modern politics was magically transformed into a giant television studio for a week. Print journalists were situated to the podium's right.



J.L. GRIFFIN

Space and air were hot commodities during Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole's acceptance speech. Homemade signs were just as popular as campaign signs during the "spontaneous floor demonstrations."



After appearing on Larry King Live, Kemp mugs for throngs of Republicans who waited for the show to finish to catch a glimpse of the vice presidential nominee. Kemp was brought aboard Dole's campaign to add electricity.



Opening night was expected to be a ratings success for the networks, but even with Gen. Colin Powell's speech, networks posted the lowest ratings for convention coverage since the process began being televised. The trend continued all week long and many television executives are wondering whether to return for the 2000 conventions.



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## Football

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 14	Northeastern State	Tablequah, Okla.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Emporia State	Emporia, Kan.	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Central Missouri	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Missouri-Rolla	Rolla, Mo.	1:30 p.m.
OCT. 12	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	HOME	2:30 P.M.
Oct. 19	Pittsburg State	Pittsburg, Kan.	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	Northwest Missouri	Home	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Truman State	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
Nov. 9	Missouri Western	Home	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Washburn	Home	1:30 p.m.

Homecoming game in capital letters

## Volleyball

volleyball volleyball volleyball volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 6-7	Missouri Southern Classic	Home	TBA
Sept. 11	Pittsburg State	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 13-14	Central Missouri Challenge I	Warrensburg, Mo.	7:30 p.m.—10:30 a.m.
Sept. 17	Southwest Baptist	Bolivar, Mo.	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Drury	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 20-21	Truman State — Washburn	Kirkville, Mo.	7 p.m.—noon
Sept. 25	Emporia State	Emporia, Kan.	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Central Missouri	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 4-5	Henderson State Lady Reddie Classic	Arkadelphia, Ark.	TBA
Oct. 12	Missouri Western — Northwest Missouri	Pittsburg, Kan.	noon—4 p.m.
Oct. 19	Pittsburg State	Pittsburg, Kan.	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Southwest Baptist	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 25-26	Washburn — Truman State	Emporia, Kan.	8 p.m.—10 a.m.
Oct. 29	Drury	Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	Emporia State	Home	7 p.m.
Nov. 1-2	Drury College Classic	Springfield, Mo.	TBA
Nov. 7	Central Missouri	Warrensburg, Mo.	7 p.m.
Nov. 15-16	Missouri Western — Northwest Missouri	Warrensburg, Mo.	5 p.m.—2 p.m.
Nov. 22-24	NCAA Division II Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 7-9	NCAA Division II Championships	Campus Sites	TBA

## Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 7	Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark.	2 p.m.
Sept. 10	NE Oklahoma State	Tablequah, Okla.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Dallas Baptist	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 14	Graceland	Lamoni, Iowa	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	Ozark Christian	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	Arkansas-Little Rock	Little Rock, Ark.	2 p.m.
Sept. 24	Southwest Baptist	Home	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Northeast Missouri	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Drury	Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.
Oct. 4-6	McDonald's Southern Shootout	Home	4 p.m.—1 p.m.—1 p.m.
Oct. 9	Bartlesville Wesleyan	Home	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Baker	Baldwin City, Kan.	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	Missouri-Rolla	Rolla, Mo.	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Southwest Baptist	Bolivar, Mo.	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	West Texas A&M	Home	noon
Oct. 31	Southern Nazarene	Bethany, Okla.	6 p.m.
Nov. 2	John Brown	Home	2 p.m.

## XCountry

DATE	MEETS	SITE
Sept. 7	MSSC Invitational	Home
Sept. 14	KU Invitational	Lawrence, Kan.
Sept. 21	Jocks Nitch Southern Stampede	Home
Oct. 5	Miner Invitational or Ozark Invitational	Rolla, Mo. or Springfield, Mo.
Oct. 12	CMSU Invitational	Warrensburg, Mo.
Oct. 26	MIAA Conference Championships	Kirkville, Mo.
Nov. 9	Great Lakes NCAA Regional	Warrensburg, Mo.
Nov. 23	NCAA Nationals	Humboldt, Calif.





## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

# Wilks, Rogers to lead squad

By JASON OWEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Behind the experience of two veteran runners, the Missouri Southern men's cross country team is ready to run for the MIAA crown.

"We have a great group of guys this year," said Tom Rutledge, Missouri Southern men's cross country coach. "There are no complainers in this group. They have reported ready and willing to work."

Rutledge said the team will be looking toward junior runner Jon Wilks for leadership on the course.

"Jon was our only runner to go to the national meet last year," Rutledge said. "He ran a poor race, but now he has the experience of being there and he's hungry to go back. He wants it."

"Jon was not happy with his performance, but I told him to learn from it and go on. I was really proud of him for making it."

Running with Wilks will be senior Josh Rogers.

"Rogers is a good kid," Rutledge said. "He is really running well. He is battling exercise-induced asthma and winning. He is our No. 1 runner."

Another team leader will be sophomore Dusty Franks. Franks, who Rutledge called a "super freshman" last year, will be working on broadening his racing abilities.

"Dusty is a gutsy runner," Rutledge said. "He runs hard and gives you what he's got, but he's more of a half-mile runner. So these 8K runs are hard on him."

"He's been working real hard, though, and he can do it. Like I said, he's just plain gutsy."

Rutledge said the outlook on the season is optimistic.

"We could end up anywhere from first to sixth," he said. "We are in the toughest conference in the country, so it's hard to really say where we'll end up."

"You've got Central Missouri, who finished second in the nation; Truman State, who finished third; and they each only lost one runner. Then there's Emporia, who has a kid that is a potential national champion running for them."

"So it's going to be tough, but our guys are up to the challenge. They will work hard and make this season the best possible."

Southern will open its 1996 schedule hosting the MSSC Invitational Sept. 7.

## Sophomore takes over sports world

It's fall, school's going in full throttle, and so am I. This looks to be a great season for Southern athletics, so sit back, relax, and enjoy.

First off, a little about me. I'm a sophomore communications major from Midwest City, Okla., and a football player. Speaking of football, I really feel we have a great team this year. With sophomore Brad Cornelsen returning at quarterback and Richard "Dirt" Jordan anchoring the defense, this year's team should be a solid conference contender.

Cross country looks to be young but strong.

The women will depend on sophomore Sonia Blacketer as their No. 1 runner. Blacketer had a stellar freshman season, and head coach Patty Vavra tells me she will be heavily depended on.

On the men's side, junior Jon Wilks will be taking on the leadership role. Wilks' trip to the national meet provided him with some key experience under pressure.

And look for inspirational team leader Josh Rogers to have a good showing as he battles his exercise-induced asthma.

Let's go Southern!!! ☺



Jason Owen  
Sports Editor

## XCOUNTRY MIAA



## MULES

Central Missouri State  
*Key Personnel:* Alexander, Alan; Marcus, Fred; Nitz, Steve  
*Top Newsman:* Jernette Kunch, Alan Lujan



## BULLDOGS

Truman State University  
*Key Personnel:* Whisman, Blackburn, Jimmy; Strickland  
*Top Newsman:* Don Henderson, Brian Maple



## MINERS

University of Missouri-Rolla  
*Key Personnel:* Alan Hagan, Ben Malvern  
*Top Newsman:* Kevin Johnson



## BEARCATS

Southwest Baptist University  
*Key Personnel:* Brent Beady  
*Top Newsman:* Brian Cunningham



## LIONS

Missouri Southern State  
*Key Personnel:* Jon Wilks, Josh Rogers  
*Top Newsman:* Kevin Anglin, Jack Hubby, Brian Hill



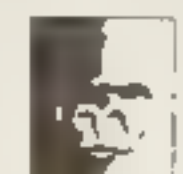
## HORNETS

Emporia State University  
*Key Personnel:* Jernette Mitchell, Josh McCleary  
*Top Newsman:* Alan Triggs



## BEARCATS

Northwest Missouri State  
*Key Personnel:* Brian Cornelius, Robert Lane  
*Top Newsman:* Timmy Bares, Ken Rebus, Scott McManis



## GORILLAS

Fitchburg State University  
*Key Personnel:* Chad Braker, James Clark, Aaron Leach  
*Top Newsman:* Jeff Rusan, Brian Norbert

## NOTICE:

The MIAA  
Conference meet  
will be Oct. 26 at  
Truman State  
University in  
Kirksville, Mo.



## Warm up MIAA throne for Southern

This could be the year of ascension for the Lady Lions. With only but one of Missouri Southern's starters returning, knocking Central Missouri State off its MIAA throne is a distinct possibility.

Southern dealt the Jennies their first-ever conference loss last season. The Jennies also lost Missouri-St. Louis, dropping two conference matches during the season.

This all leads to one major

conclusion: a 14-year CMSU reign may be coming to an end.

Senior setter Jenny Easter will return as leader of the Lady Lion offense. The MIAA's leading hitter, junior Stephanie Gockley, will return to the Southern line-up as well.

The rest of the Lady Lion starting lineup is solidified by senior Neely Burkhardt and juniors Kristen Harris and Sara Winkler. Traywick has her eye on junior Paige Maycock and freshman Lorin Pope as replacements for the left-handed Lyn Dee Harrelson who used up her eligibility last year.

Pope has a natural athletic advantage over her elder teammate, but Maycock's experience and on-court leadership could be the deciding factor in who gets the starting spot. □

**P. Nicholas Parker**  
Associate Editor



F. E. PHOTO

Junior outside hitter Sara Winkler passes the ball during match play last season. The Lady Lions placed second in MIAA play in 1995, but failed to qualify for regional action. Southern's highlight last year came after knocking off MIAA powerhouse Central Missouri. The Lady Lions will open their 1996 schedule Sept. 6-7 as hosts of the Lady Lion Classic at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Southern will open MIAA play vs. Pittsburg State Sept. 11 at home.

### VOLLEYBALL

## Southern sits No. 2 in MIAA

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Riding a wave of success, the Missouri Southern Lady Lion volleyball squad is looking to keep up the intensity level of a year ago.

Last year's season was highlighted by a victory over Central Missouri, the Jennies' first loss in MIAA history. Several of the players, however, have said they were most proud of a detail they noted.

While in Florida last season, Southern lost a match to BYU-Hawaii in three games in one.

"We were the only school to take a loss against them," Lady Lion head coach Debbie Traywick said. "They went on and won the NAIA championship at the end of the year."

Southern's success was bittersweet, however. The Lady Lions did not fare well at the MIAA tournament the following weekend.

"We had a great season," Traywick said. "But the last weekend hurt us. We did real well as far as showing up to play when we're scheduled against the big teams."

Traywick, in her ninth season at Southern, said one of the team's goals is to keep the intensity level high against every team.

"We simply need to play at our level and not sink down to a level beneath our playing ability."

Strategically, the Lady Lions are working to increase the speed of their offense and running a better offense off digs.

Senior Jenny Easter will return at the setter position. Juniors Stephanie Gockley and Kristen Harris, along with senior outside hitter Neely Burkhardt and junior outside hitter Sara Winkler, are also returning starters.

"It's good to have a senior setter; it's like having an experienced quarterback," Traywick said. "We have a lot of quality players back. They are all team players and more concerned with how the team plays than with themselves. That alleviates a lot of problems with the coach."

Two years ago, Gockley was named MIAA freshman of the year. She led the conference in hitting last season, averaging 4.6 kills per game. The Lady Lions will again look to her.

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### Head Coach



**Debbie Traywick**

CAREER RECORD:  
214-176 — .549  
MSSC RECORD:  
159-139 — .534 (all years)

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We simply need to play to our ability and not sink down to a level beneath our playing ability.

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### Key Returnees



**Stephanie Gockley**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Middle Hitter



**Neely Burkhardt**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Outside Hitter



**Jenny Easter**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Setter



**Paige Maycock**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Middle Hitter



**Kristen Harris**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Middle Hitter



**Sara Winkler**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Outside Hitter



# High Intensity

## Junior hitter pushes toward perfection

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER

ST. LOUIS POST-DEMOCRAT

One word describes junior Kristen Harris' approach to volleyball — intensity. "I love winning," she said. "Winning excites me a lot. I hate to lose." Harris' enthusiasm is clear when she talks about her expectations for herself and the Lady Lions. She said even though her team had a good record last season, she is looking for it to step up to a higher level.

"Last year left a bad taste with us," she said. "We blew it. We had a great year and when we got to the one match that probably would have sent us on [to the regional tournament], we blew it. We all made a decision that this year we would come back and start from where we left off, and then move it up to a higher level."

It took some time for Harris to fall in love with volleyball. But two years after her first match in eighth grade, she knew she wanted to move on and play at the college level.

"My first match, if I did play, I didn't play all the way around," she said. "I couldn't even serve over the net. Honestly, I probably didn't even play at all. I think I sat the bench. I wasn't very big."

"My freshman year was strange," she said. "I had grown a lot over the summer, so I thought I'd give it a shot. I didn't know what I was doing, but I played every point. I didn't do anything wrong. I got a lot of love from the crowd. My first time in the starting squad, I was the only freshman to start. I also knew I would play for me."

During her career in high school, Mo Harris was a three-time All-Conference team member and was named MVP of her team in her senior and junior seasons. Although her team never won a conference championship, she was named MVP of her team in her senior and junior seasons.

"Not winning a championship is a really sore spot with me," Harris said. "We had a chance to win against Nixa, our school's arch rival. We didn't win because people were worried about outside things like boyfriends, friends, and what other people thought. I was there to win."

Missouri Southern head coach Debbie Traywick said Harris' intensity shows both in practice and in matches.

"She responds when other teams get aggressive and maybe start to trash talk," Traywick said. "She hates it and it helps her step it up in tough situations."

"She brings aspirations to perfection. She's not happy unless it's perfect. No one is the world is harder on Kristen than Kristen, and she just keeps pushing and pushing all the time. Sometimes she takes it too far and gets down on herself, but we've been working on that."

The big block is what really pumps up Harris.

"I like it when we go up against the good teams with the big hitters and we block



Junior hitter Kristen Harris is one of five returning starters for the Lady Lions this season.

FILE PHOTO

them," she said. "I love pulling off the big block. I love to hit, but blocking is by far my favorite part of the game."

This part of the game is what first caught Traywick's eye when she was watching Harris.

"She has a natural athletic and blocking ability," Traywick said. "She was the go-to girl in high school and she liked being in that position. And she handled it well."

Harris also says parental and fan support help her and the Lady Lions keep up the intensity level during play.

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### JENNIES 37-9

Central Missouri State  
1995 16-2 MIAA  
Key Returners: Sarah Dallas,  
Chris Kaldenbach  
Top Newcomers: Beth  
Vorwerk, Shannon Washburn



### LADY DOGS 20-17

Truman State University  
1995 9-9  
Key Returners: Jessica  
Bredel, Gretchen Bourne  
Top Newcomers: Laura  
Vandeweyer, Jennifer Moore,  
Kelli Mangels



### LADY HORNETS 19-20

Emporia State University  
1995 10-10 MIAA  
Key Returners: Kristi Evers,  
Amy Johnson  
Top Newcomers: Kristi Evers,  
Marti Cooper



### LADY BLUES 18-19

Washburn University  
1995 8-10 MIAA  
Key Returners: March  
Cheney, Kristi Evers,  
Kristi Evers  
Top Newcomers: Kristi  
Thomson, Jannet Jones



### BEARCATS 0-29

Southwest Baptist University  
1995 0-12 MIAA  
Key Returners: Kim  
Franklin-Markowski, Sarah  
Torgert  
Top Newcomers: Michelle  
Berry, Chasity Patton



### LADY LIONS 27-7

Missouri Southern State  
1995 13-5 MIAA  
Key Returners: Stephanie  
Goodley, Nelly Beckhart,  
Jenny Eason  
Top Newcomers: Emily Ditch,  
Jana Goodley



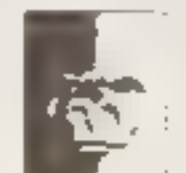
### LADY GRIFFS 29-9

Missouri Western State  
1995 14-4 MIAA  
Key Returners: Christine  
(Endeigh) Doerflinger  
Top Newcomers: Monica  
Puck, Abby Schaefer



### BEARCATS 19-14

Northwest Missouri State  
1995 6-12 MIAA  
Key Returners: Jennifer  
Farrish, Diana Davis  
Top Newcomers: Mandy  
Barnes



### GORILLAS 8-26

Pemburg State University  
1995 2-16 MIAA  
Key Returners: Amanda  
Hick, Christine Pickett  
Top Newcomers: Crystal  
Perkins

### NOTICE:

The University of  
Missouri-St. Louis  
Riverwomen are no longer  
a member of the MIAA  
Conference.



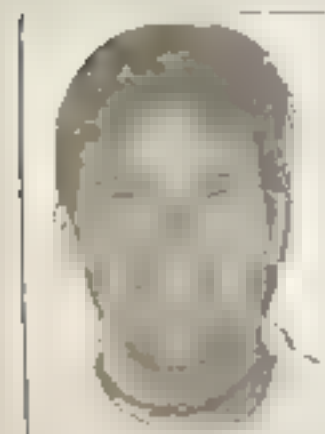
## FOOTBALL

Cornelsen  
holds key  
to title lock

**D** ■ the Missouri Southern football Lions need an offensive standout to bring home their second MIAA title?

Survey says... yes!

But unlike in seasons past, the answer does not rest in the palms of former all-MIAA and all-region tailback Albert Bland. It does not even involve a player at the tailback position. It's a quarterback named Brad Cornelsen. And he is only a



**Rick Rogers**  
Editor-in-Chief

sophomore. But not to worry.

Cornelsen, teamed up with Southern's new veer/option offense, could have what it takes to give the Lions some offensive punch.

As a freshman, the wiry Cornelsen quickly rose up the quarterback ladder, knocking off starter David Haug in Game 3 and securing a starting nod for the rest of the season.

Then the feisty signal caller proved he had the ability to scamper away from the pocket for either positive yards or to connect with an open receiver. Heading into this season one thing has become evident — Cornelsen must produce. He must show the same determination and fire he did last season when he fought for the starting nod.

He must use his quickness and agility effectively in order for the Lions to be successful. □

BY RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**O**n a major question has been answered heading into the Missouri Southern football Lions 1996 campaign — a question which has been waiting for the right answer since the 1993 MIAA championship season under the direction of former quarterback Matt Cook.

The Lions, ranked 19th in the NCAA Division II preseason poll and second in the MIAA preseason poll, have a proven, experienced quarterback in sophomore Brad Cornelsen for the first time in three seasons.

The quarterback question which has loomed over the heads of head coach Tom Lantz and the rest of his staff, was answered last season when Cornelsen proved he was the spark the Lions' offense was lacking.

Now with the loss of all-region tailback Albert Bland to graduation, the Lions offense shifts its spotlight from the backfield ■ under center with its new-look veer/option offense.

Lantz said having a solid "experienced" quarterback for the first time since Cook is something he and his staff have learned ■ relish.

"If you look at our quarterback situations from last year and this year, it is the difference between night and day," he said. "We are going into this season having all of our quarterback questions answered, and it just gives us so much more confidence team wise. Then when you throw a 5A all-star quarterback like Rodney McClure into the mix, that really adds something."

But Lantz said changing the Lions' offensive format is nothing new, as the team has not had the same offensive look ■ the eight seasons ■ has been at the helm.

"In football it's not so much about Xs and Os," he said. "It's not what you do,



FILE PHOTO

Southern's sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen scampers from ■ Truman State defensive lineman during the Lions' homecoming 24-22 victory last season.

but how you do it. Offensively, you have to fit your offense to your people."

In order for the Lions' new offensive to run on all cylinders, Southern's offensive line will have to fill the gaps left by the graduation ■ Yancy McKnight and Don Beck. Lantz said he has moved senior Harry Hodge over from weak-side tackle ■ strong-side tackle ■ give the running

attack more push up front.

"Moving Harry will ■ a good addition for us on the line," Lantz said. "That allows a player like (sophomore) Andy Salink to step up into Harry's old position."

Rounding out the offensive line will be

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## Head Coach



**Jon Lantz**

CAREER RECORD:  
63-37-3 — 626  
MSSC RECORD:  
42-28-1 — 599  
(8 seasons)

*If you look at our quarterback situations last year and this year, it is the difference between night and day.*

## Key Returnees



**Brad Cornelsen**

CLASS:  
Sophomore  
POSITION:  
Quarterback



**Harry Hodge**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Offensive Line



**James Thrash**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Wide Receiver



**Geno Pierce**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Defensive Back



**Richard Jordan**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Defensive Lineman



**Rob Townsend**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Defensive Back



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I got the nickname while playing football in high school. It's just one of those things I picked up at high school.



Richard Jordan  
Linebacker

## Jordan clasps tight lid on meaning of nickname

By RICK ROGERS  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Even though Richard Jordan's moniker "Dirt" is stamped on his Oklahoma car tags for the world to see, the true meaning of his long-standing nickname is something the all-American wants to keep a tight lid on.

"It's just one of those old high school things," the 6-foot 8, 270-pound senior defensive lineman said with a suspicious smile. "I got it while playing football in high school. It's just one of those things I picked up in high school."

Something else the Vinn, Okla., native picked up playing football at the high school level was a keen sense of defensive prowess. Despite his rather large physique, the mobile Jordan uses his quickness to halt opposing rushing attacks at either the defensive end or linebacker position.

Even though Jordan received offers from NCAA Division I programs, he decided on Southern because of its "personal" atmosphere and a chance to make a name for himself in the Division II ranks.

"When I came here, I saw the nice turf field and the school seemed to be bigger than what I expected," he said. "I got offers to play football at Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Tulsa, and Texas. But I didn't want to go to a place where I would just be another number out there on the field."

"I wanted to play somewhere I could be a standout."

But even Jordan admits becoming an all-American type of football player cannot become reality without all 11 players on the

field putting forth their best efforts.

"I wanted to play with players who wanted to win," he said. "Last year we had great guys like Melvin Monet, who I used to play beside, and in 1993 we had Ron Burton and Rod Smith," he said. "Those guys in the past really helped me out a lot. Every day I played against players like Harry Hodge, and every day those type of players helped me get better."

"I may have gotten the all-American pick, but I am just like everybody out here," he said. "I learn something every day."

With the absence of Monet at linebacker heading into this season, Lion head coach Jon Lantz has moved Jordan from defensive line to linebacker, the position he played in high school.

"It's just like everything else; you have to be able to adjust and learn something new every day," Jordan said. "Marquette Owens and Matt Wehner are helping me learn something about coverage or blocking — that helps me out."

As far as Southern's chances in the grueling world of MIAA football, Jordan thinks the key for the Lions is to win early in the schedule. But he admits Pittsburg State is the team to beat.

"We have to win every game, and right now we have to focus on Northeastern State," he said.

"I am really ready for the game versus Pittsburg. We know the atmosphere is going to be really hype over there, but right now we just have to take it one game at a time."

Besides concentrating on his football workouts and his class load, Jordan also wears the hat of father to his one-year-old son Jamin. □

Gettin'  
DOWN  
and

DIRTY

### FOOTBALL MIAA



#### GORILLAS 12-1-1

Pittsburg State University  
1995: 9-4 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** Chris Hodge  
Chad Webb, Josh Bares  
**Top Offensive Line:**  
Matt Jones, Chris Hodge, Josh Bares



#### GRIFFONS 7-3-1

Midwestern Western State  
1995: 6-4  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
William [Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
Ed [Name obscured] [Name obscured]



#### MULES 4-6

University of Missouri-Southern  
1995: 4-6  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]



#### HORNETS 5-6

Emporia State University  
1995: 5-6  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]



#### MINERS 1-9

University of Missouri-Rolla  
1995: 1-9 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** Scott Hodge  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]



#### LIONS 6-4

Missouri Southern State  
1995: 5-4 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** Richard Jordan, Brad [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
Travis Jordan, Marlon Douglas, Roden McClure



#### BULLDOGS 6-5

Truman State University  
1995: 6-5 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]  
**Top Offensive Line:** [Name obscured]  
[Name obscured] [Name obscured]



#### BEARCATS 6-5

Northwest Missouri State  
1995: 6-5 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
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#### ICHABODS 4-6

Graduate Center  
1995: 4-6 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
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#### BEARCATS 2-8

Northwest Baptist University  
1995: 2-8 MIAA  
**Key Returner:** [Name obscured]  
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## Soccer guys are wacky creatures

I'll be the first to admit I don't know much about the sport of soccer.

But learning what makes these players tick is the main reason why I chose to cover it this semester.



**Dan Wiszkon**  
Staff Writer

Soccer players are interesting creatures. They can appear alternative, nuts, and masterful all at the same time. Their motivation and grace unfortunately goes unappreciated for the most part due to the low fan

turnout for home games.

This program needs (and deserves) more fan support. Soccer at Missouri Southern may never achieve the popularity of football or basketball, although I can't figure out why. Its fast-paced karma, combined with some fierce battles on the field, is more enjoyable to watch than anything else on campus.

Avoiding the injury bug may be the greatest test facing the 31-man squad. But everyone is healthy and eager to start at this time.

High hopes are being placed on this team.

And with good reason.

This year's team has three respected captains and several outstanding newcomers. ☐

### SOCCER

## New-look Lions vie for crown

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

Armed with some incoming freshmen talent and a new approach, the men's soccer team is set to kick off another season.

Second-year coach Jim Cook sees depth as the squad's main strength. He said competition between the new players and the veterans for positions has become intense.

"The freshmen are making their presence felt," Cook said. "They come from some good programs. It's not really the class you're in that matters, but rather how hard you work."

The Lions have 11 returning lettermen, including Ryan Hunt, the only senior on the team. Hunt will serve as captain along with juniors Mark Turpen and Justin Buerge. Other lettermen are Chris Lewis, Jose Suarez, Ryan Huntley, Adam Bahr, Matt Cernal, Davis Hale, Matt Demery, and Byron Brust.

"The freshmen are really stepping up their play," Turpen said. "I already feel good about this season and think we have an excellent chance of winning conference."

Turpen stressed the need for more fan support.

"It's kind of sad when we're in a home game and the visitors' fans outnumber ours," he said. "I'd like to see more of our fans out there."

Cook said keeping injuries down and having some good luck come their way will determine whether the Lions can



FILE PHOTO

Missouri Southern soccer Lion midfielder Ryan Waggoner boots a mid-volley during a home game last season. The Lions open play this year at Central Arkansas Sept. 7.

improve on last year's performance. Their 11-6-1 record in 1995 was the best Southern soccer had since entering NCAA Division II competition.

One major change Cook is implementing is a stronger focus on defense. The coach is confident the team's offensive punch will allow it to get the key goals when it needs them.

Todd Eaton, the team's scoring leader from the previous season, is academically ineligible and will not play this season. Cook said Eaton's scoring production and leadership will be sorely missed but the rest of the team has to move forward.

"Todd's a great player, but he's just one man," Cook said. "This is a team game where everyone must step up."

The Lions will face their first opponent, the University of Central Arkansas Bears, at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 in Conway, Ark. ☐

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**Jim Cook**  
Lion head coach

## Head Coach



**Jim Cook**

CAREER RECORD:  
11-6-1 — .639  
MSSC RECORD:  
11-6-1 — .639  
(1 year)

“...we have an excellence chance of winning conference.”

## Key Returnees



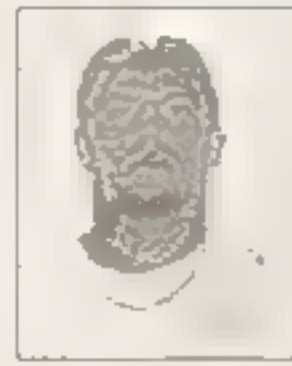
**Chris Lewis**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Goalkeeper



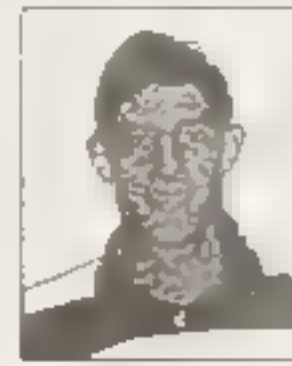
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CLASS:  
Sophomore  
POSITION:  
Backfield



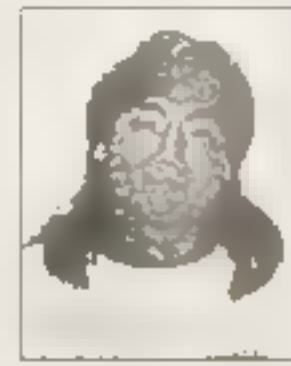
**Ryan Hunt**

CLASS:  
Senior  
POSITION:  
Backfield



**Jose Suarez**

CLASS:  
Sophomore  
POSITION:  
Forward



**Mark Turpen**

CLASS:  
Junior  
POSITION:  
Midfield



# Heart of a Lion

## Turpen garners respect

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

Junior midfielder Mark Turpen has the aggression of a lion and a long, black mane to match. The 5-foot-5 captain always finds a way to earn the respect of his teammates and maintain it. But the road to leadership is never an easy one.

While trying out for the team as a freshman, Turpen tripped and fell while accepting a clearing pass from his goalie with nobody around him. A cameraman for KSNF-TV just happened to be there shooting footage and caught the mishap on tape. And, of course, the blunder appeared on that evening's sports edition for everyone to see.

"I really felt good about that," Turpen joked. "I guess it's just nervousness, but things like that always seem to happen to me."

Turpen made the team nonetheless and was named MIAA co-freshman of the year. He lettered for the Lions last season by proving he can play solid offense and defense with equal ability.

"Being a captain means responsibility, but I take it differently," Turpen said. "I want them to respect me without forcing it down their throat."

Outside of school, Turpen uses his management courses to help him with his job as a manager at the Oriental House in his hometown of Neosho. His parents, Jim and Mary Turpen, still reside there while his older brother Kent attends Southern.

"You have to have an attitude in sports," Turpen said. "If you don't say you're better than someone else, you're not going to be better."

As is the case with most athletes, stereotypes and labels are ever present.

"Some people call us wimps," he said. "But those people probably have never come out and played. Soccer's probably just as tough as any other sport because you take just as many hits and you run your butt off."

Turpen hopes to continue playing soccer while attending graduate school after his tenure at Southern.

His dream is to own his own business while playing a higher league of soccer.

Jim Cook, head soccer coach, classified Turpen as a nice person on and off the field.

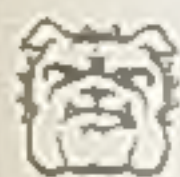
"He's a good young man to work with," Cook said. "I have lots of respect for Mark Turpen and I'm glad he's on my team."



Lions' midfielder Mark Turpen has climbed the soccer ladder from MIAA co-freshman of the year to senior captain while working at his family's restaurant in Neosho.

PHOTO BY GUY LAWRENCE FOR THE CHART

### SOCCERMIAA



#### BULLDOGS 13-3-3

Truman State University  
1995: 5-0 MIAA  
Key Returners: Derek Marvin, Joe Nick, Matt Perry  
Top Newcomers: Adrian Marino, Steven Woldrop



#### MINERS 10-6-3

University of Missouri-Rolla  
1995: 2-2-1 MIAA  
Key Returners: Gavin McGinn, Brian Marks  
Top Newcomers: John Akmalis, Mike Kacher, John Kramon



#### BEARCATS 6-12

Southwest Baptist University  
1995: 1-4 MIAA  
Key Returners: Matt Wallace, Luke Bowen  
Top Newcomers: Seth Sonnet, Nathan Threlk, Luke Lane, Kramon



#### LIONS 11-6-1

Missouri Southern State  
1995: 3-2 MIAA  
Key Returners: Brian Hunt, Matt Grimal, Justin Baerger, Mark Turpen  
Top Newcomers: Ben Butler, Ryan Raper, Jamie Wirt



#### LINCOLN 1-11-1

Missouri Western State  
1995: 0-5 MIAA  
Key Returners: Vaden Jensen  
Top Newcomers: Randy Hall

#### NOTICE:

The University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen are no longer a member of the MIAA conference.

### SOCCERMIAA

## Standings format

In 1995, the MIAA adopted the same standings format used in pool play during the World Cup '94.

Three points will be awarded for each conference win, and one point will be awarded for each conference tie. The school with the most points in the final standings will be the MIAA champ.

This format gives more weight to a win than in the past, when two ties had the same effect as one win in winning percentage.



## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

## Veterans season Lady Lions

### XCcountry squads full of potential

**I**t's cross country season, and this year looks to be full of potential. The men are going to be strong contenders, in a very tough conference.

Many stories will come out of this year's season, but none more inspirational than that of Josh Rogers. He is entering the season as the No. 1 runner for the men, which in itself is an accomplishment.



**Jason Owen**  
Sports Editor

Rogers, however, has an added strike against him. He deals daily with exercise-induced asthma. One might think that a condition such as this would end any hopes of being a successful runner. Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, says Rogers has other ideas.

"Josh is a fighter," Rutledge said. "He'll beat this. He has a great work ethic, and he wants to be successful. That's all you can ask for."

The women are also looking at what could be a strong season, with the return of sophomore Sonia Blacketer. With her eighth-place finish at the conference meet last year, she became the highest placing freshman in the conference. She could truly become a dangerous threat and great team leader. □



Lady Lion cross country junior veteran Chris Heinecke (right) and sophomore Amanda Harrison ignore the grueling 90-degree heat during an afternoon practice.

BRIETT DAVISON/The Chart

By JASON OWEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

**C**ross country season is already in full swing, and the Missouri Southern Lady Lions are ready for action. "This is a much improved team over last year," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach. "They know what it means to work, and they are ready to do it."

Vavra will look to sophomore Sonia Blacketer as a team leader.

"Sonia will be our No. 1 runner," Vavra said. "She is a strong runner who showed as a freshman, and I am very excited for her this season. She finished eighth in the conference last year, which was the highest of any freshman that we competed against. She was also the conference champ in the 3,000 and 5,000 outdoor. So she's a double threat, and a great leader."

The No. 2 runner for this year's team will be sophomore Amanda Harrison.

"Amanda is exciting to coach," Vavra said. "She hadn't really had much cross country experience in high school, but she has come up here and really improved."

Another leader will be junior Chris Heinecke.

"Chris has really reported in good shape," Vavra said. "She is a good strong runner, and she works extremely hard. She is really going to make a difference to this year's team."

"More importantly, though, she is a great leader. She wants to help everyone else on the team become the best runner they can be. I really look for her to help bring the freshmen along."

Vavra says she looks for this year's team to do some things.

"This is a team that is willing to work hard," she said, "and that's what you need more than anything. They are real young, and so we are a little low on experience. They are coming from high school and we are asking them to step in and run a college race immediately. It's tough."

"They want to make the transition, and they will. It's just going to take some time." □

*This team is willing to work hard, and that's what you need more than anything.*

**Patty Vavra**  
Women's coach

### XCOUNTRY MIAA



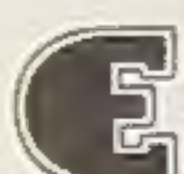
#### JENNIES

Central Missouri State  
**Key Returners:** Sandy Thomas, Susie Thomas, Michelle Lewandowski  
**Top Newcomers:** Arianne Cronce, Anna Kutick



#### LADY 'DOGS

Truman State University  
**Key Returners:** Jennifer Lehmann, Beth Sabin  
**Top Newcomers:** Lyndsey Wheeler, Julie Olsen



#### LADY HORNETS

Emporia State University  
**Key Returners:** Annette Karjala, Jessica Oberg  
**Top Newcomers:** Adrienne Johnson



#### LADY 'CATS

Southwest Baptist  
**Key Returners:** Rachel Reed  
**Top Newcomers:** Trisha Qualman



#### LADY BLUE TIGERS

Lincoln University  
**Key Returners:** Beas Childers, Chris Schneiderbeis  
**Top Newcomers:** Miriam Adams



#### LADY LIONS

Missouri Southern State  
**Key Returners:** Sonia Blacketer, Amanda Harrison  
**Top Newcomers:** Jill Becker, Karla Pielant, Jessica Zindler



#### LADY MINERS

University of Missouri-Rolla  
**Key Returners:** Jennifer Fetter, Tracy Jones  
**Top Newcomers:** Abigail Knapp, Sheri Lewis



#### BEARCATS

Northwest Missouri State  
**Key Returners:** Kathy Kearns, Heidi Metz  
**Top Newcomers:** Monica Kepner, Kim Rense



#### GORILLAS

Pittsburg State University  
**Key Returners:** Wendy Platt  
**Top Newcomers:** Valerie Barnes, Jennifer Giefer, Andrea Neal

### NOTICE:

The MIAA Conference meet will be Oct. 28 at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo.



## FOOTBALL: Southern opens season at Tahlequah

From Page 6B

senior guards Matt Lock and Joe Streich. Streich, who has battled shoulder and leg injuries in past seasons, makes the move from defense to offense in his senior season.

Lantz said the biggest question mark on the offensive line comes at center where freshman Travis Rhaligan, sophomore Jason Owen, or freshman Dave Puckett could land a starting spot.

Even though the Lions will not have a solid returning running back, Lantz said the position is not a concern with junior tailbacks Wallace Clay and Justin Taylor teaming up in the backfield.

"We have had four great tailbacks in a row here," he said. "Cleon Burrell, Marcus Rodgers, Karl Evans, and Albert Bland were all great running backs for us. We haven't had to worry about a tailback since I came here in 1989."

"This year we have a lot of tailbacks, so I think it is a natural move to go to a split-back format where we can play two tailback types together."

The receiving corps returns three starters from last season, led by senior James Thrash, who returns after suffering a season-ending collarbone injury last season. Senior Sir Avington and sophomore Carrell Matthews will also start at wide-out.

Defensively, Southern will be looking toward senior preseason all-American defensive end and linebacker Richard Jordan to step up and fill a leadership role on the field and in the locker room.

"Sometimes teams have a tendency to rely on their star players too much, and we can't do that with Richard," Lantz said. "There has to be a lot of other players play well besides Richard."

Senior preseason all-American free safety Rob Townsend along with junior strong safety Geno Pierce and senior defensive tackle Steve Halverson should also be big guns for Southern on defense.

Southern will start the season at Northeastern (Okla.) State Sept. 14. □



FILE PHOTO

Former Missouri Southern football Lion kicker Eric Jackson celebrates after booting the winning field goal, giving Southern a 24-22 homecoming home win over Truman State last season.

## VOLLEYBALL: Lady Lions bench on strong leadership

From Page 4B

as a leading force in their offense.

Hampering their offense will be the loss of outside hitter Lyn Dee Harrelson.

"We valued Lyn Dee," Traywick said. "With [Harrelson] being left-handed it gave us a lot of offensive options."

Filling in on the right side will be junior hitter Paige Mayrock or freshman Lorin Pope.

"Lorin is stronger, whereas Paige has more experience," Traywick said.

New to the Lady Lions this year are setter Jeana Gockley, middle hitter Emily Diehl, and outside hitters Meredith Hyde and Karen Tiffany.

"It will be nice to have a back-up setter," Traywick said. "We kind of gambled with injury last year because we didn't really have a back-up for Jenny [Easter]."

The Lady Lions begin play on their home court Sept. 6-7 at Young Gymnasium in the Lady Lion Classic. □

## HARRIS: Southern starter looks to 'step it up'

From Page 5B

"My parents have only missed one match during my college career, and never missed any during high school," she said.

"They never have anything negative to say, it's always positive for me. All of the parents here have been supportive. If you don't have them, you may not have anybody except the coach. They are who you look up to. If they are there you know everything is OK." □

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